

# The Secret of Forgiveness

Matthew 18:21-35

## I. What was the Situation? - v21-22

A. What is implied here?

1. What might the question have been in response to?  
- Luke 17:3-4
2. What did Peter have in mind?
  - a. The religious authority's answer.
  - b. The Lord's answer - v22.

B. Is unconditional forgiveness emotionally possible?

C. What issue is this secret related to? - Luke 18:9-14

D. What is the Lord's answer?

1. We all fall short of God's S\_\_\_\_\_ - Romans 3:23.
2. What are the consequences of this type of forgiveness?  
- Matthew 6:14-15 & Colossians 3:13

## II. What is the Right Attitude About Forgiveness? - v23-27

A. The Reckoning - v23-25.

1. Who were these servants? - v23 & 25
2. What was the amount owed? - v24
3. What was the intended consequence? - v25

B. The Reaction - v26.

C. The Response - v27 & 32.

1. Took pity = \_\_\_\_\_ - v27.
2. What was the final decision?

## III. What is the Wrong Attitude About Forgiveness? - v28-35

A. The Reckoning - v28.

1. What was the difference in the demand?
2. What was the amount owed?

B. The Reaction - v29.

1. What word was left out?
2. What was the difference in the 2nd servant's response?

C. The Responses - v30.

1. 1st response - v27.
2. 2nd response - v30.
3. 3rd response - v32-34.

## IV. The Message of This Parable

A. Who does God want you to be like?

B. What is one of God's purposes for you and how does God intend for that to happen? - Genesis 1:26-27 & Matthew 5:16

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