

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

....*"This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB*

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FORGIVING AND UNFORGIVENESS

[part 3 of 5]

WE MUST BE THOSE WHO REFUSE TO HOLD TO UNFORGIVENESS IN ANY OF ITS FORMS

**"Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus *said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he had begun to settle them, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. But since he did not have the means to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made. So the slave fell to the ground and prostrated himself before him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you everything.' And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt. But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and began to choke him, saying, 'Pay back what you owe.' So his fellow slave fell to the ground and began to plead with him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you.' But he was unwilling and went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed. So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened. Then summoning him, his lord *said to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 'Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?' And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him. My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from [the faith and Love that is in] your heart".... Matthew 18:21-35 NASB*

The parable above that Jesus taught is one of my very favourite ones because when one gains a revelation of the spiritual reality behind what He was saying they will be found not only refusing to hold to ANY unforgiveness [*regardless of what one has done to them*] they will enter into [*and come to abide in*] a place of freedom through the forgiveness of their own sins [*and, thus, a clear knowledge {revelation} of who they truly are, in Christ*]. This leads directly to a life that is truly free from any attempt by the Enemy to blind them and keep them in a place far below their precious destiny, in Christ.

One of the negative fruit of "unforgiveness" is that it blocks one from gaining a revelation of the Father's Love - because faith [*which is both activated and energized by Love*] will not work [*function properly*] AT ALL in an unforgiving heart.

It is certain that "holding to" unforgiveness in ANY of its forms [*offense, resentment, bitterness*] condemns [*and, thus, defiles*] one's own heart [*spirit*] and "negates" [*quenches*] the flow [*capability*] of faith in their prayers - as well as the flow of God's Life and healing power into their being [*spirit, soul and body*].

"negate" - to deny the existence, evidence or truth of; to nullify or cause to be ineffective;

"quench" - to put out or extinguish; suppress;

....*"A joyful heart is good medicine [causes good healing], But a broken [wounded, defiled] spirit dries up the bones".... Proverbs 17:22 NASB*

....*"A calm and undisturbed mind and heart are the life and health of the body, but envy, jealousy, and wrath are like rottenness of the bones".... Proverbs 14:30 The Amplified Translation*

some key scriptures:

....*"having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, [by] perfecting holiness in the fear [reverence] of God [thus allowing Him to expel {displace} every last ground of fear {unrighteousness}]".... 2 Corinthians 7:1 NASB*

....*"And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God". [lit. have the*

faith of God] "Truly I say to you, whoever SAYS to this mountain [obstacle, problem, infirmity etc.], 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes [affirms on an ongoing basis] that what he says is going to happen, it will be [granted] him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe [based on the finished work of the Cross, the Word of God and the Blood Covenant] that you have [already] received them, and they will be [granted] you".... Mark 11:23-24 NASB

...."if you forgive people their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment], your heavenly Father will also [be enabled to] forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment], neither will your Father [be enabled to] forgive you your trespasses".... Matthew 6:14-15 The Amplified Translation