

Making Disciples

Freedom of Forgiveness

Matthew 6:9-15

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Introduction:

- *Matthew 6:9-15*
 - *Genesis 4:26*
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1. The Connection:

- Matthew 6:12*
- Greek – **Opheilema** (*O-Fay-lemma*) ... English – Debt ... “*The moral debt due to sins ... or transgressions that we have committed against God.*”
- Greek – **Opheiletes** (*O-Fay-Leteas*) ... English – Debtor ... Moral debt committed by one person against another.
- Several things lead to forgiveness:*
 - Faith – **Roman 10:17***
 - Believe - **John 3:16***
 - Repentance – **Luke 13:3***
 - Confession – **Matthew 10:32-33***
 - Baptism – **Mark 16:16 ... Acts 2:38***
 - Faithfulness – **James 1:12***
- Matthew 6:12*

2. Choose to Forgive:

- Matthew 6:14*
- Greek – **Aphiemi** (*A-Fee-A-Me*) ... English – Forgive ... “*To remove the guilt resulting from wrong-doing ... To Pardon.*”
- Romans 3:23**
- Romans 6:23**
- When we get into the habit of forgiving ... it shows people several things about us:*
 - We are not judgmental.*
 - We don't want bitterness and hostility in our life.*
 - We do not plan revenge. – **Romans 10:19***
 - We will not allow grudges to consume us.*
 - We do not rejoice when trials happen to someone.*

3. Choose NOT to Forgive:

- Matthew 6:15*
- John 8:1-11*

