

Are You a Disciple?

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-lema*) ... 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 wrongdoing ... 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:**

- a. **Matthew 6:15**
- b. **John 8:1-11**



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