

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father **forgive your trespasses.**

Matthew 6:14-15 NKJV

Forgiveness and Mercy

We must forgive and show mercy.

Not a single **one of us deserved** the **forgiveness** Jesus gave us. It is only right to show forgiveness to people even when ***we think they*** do not deserve it.

On that note, **vengeance is the Lord's** and **people** who do wrong to you despite your **kindness** to them are **storing** up God's wrath for themselves.

Remember, their sin **against you** was against God ***first.***

A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another; as I have loved you**, that you also love one another.

John 13:34 NKJV



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We must always give forgiveness.
But it is ***NOT*** always **necessary** to
TELL someone that we **forgave** them.

If someone **asks** for forgiveness,
grant *it* and **be gracious** as you **tell**
them. God commands us to give
forgiveness so that we can restore
our relationships with each other.

But, if they do **not ask**, you do **not need** to
tell them *with words* that you forgave
them. Showing them **kindness** and **mercy**
in your interactions with them *should*
tell them of your **forgiveness**.

Do not forget to forgive yourself
also. Dwelling on your **past** mistakes
will not change them.

Do not allow Satan to **use** your past sins
against you. **If** you let him, he will convince
you that you are not **worthy** of forgiveness.

Let us save him the **trouble**. You, *like*
the rest of us, are not worthy. **We**
have **already** determined that. But the
grace of **God** is *beautiful* and *sufficient*.

Jesus died and rose again so we
can all have forgiveness. **Nothing**
you have **ever done** is bigger than
the sacrifice that Jesus made.