

**Forgive others
as quickly as
you expect
God to forgive you.**

Today Jesus reminds us how important it is that we forgive other people - just as quickly as we expect God to forgive us! And we shouldn't stop forgiving people either – we're not the judge!

Let's think today about this : If someone does something wrong to you, and then says they're sorry, should you forgive them? And, if they do something wrong to you again, and then they say they're sorry again, should you forgive them again? And, what does God do when we say we are sorry when we do things that are wrong?

Watch this movie from today's Gospel and then come back to this page – there's 2 parts to the movie

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jcuam7Rh39I&pp=QAA%3D>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zix3rJm9I7w>

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

Let's join together and sing this song to remind us about forgiveness

Forgive One Another

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPPYg7mhEHc>

The lesson for us today is to remember that God wants us to forgive everyone. Sometimes it is hard to forgive someone but if we don't do it – we carry a heavy load – and nobody wants to carry a heavy load around all the time. So, forgiveness is important.

And we should remember too that when we sin – we carry the weight of our own sin ... another heavy load to carry. We would want other people to forgive us to lighten our load.

It is good for us to remember that forgiving people is as important as being forgiven.

When God forgives us He shows us mercy! That means that God is showing us kindness, love and compassion. And that's what we have to do ... we have to show mercy to people by showing them our kindness, our love, and our compassion. We will receive from God just what we give to others so the picture above tells us the answer to showing mercy : Forgive Others Just As Quickly As We Expect God To Forgive Us.

Now, sometimes it is hard for us to forgive one another. There might be times when people do really mean things to us, and we have to be careful about allowing them to hurt us again and again. We might forgive them, but still we remember how they acted. God can help us with that. We can go to Him in prayer, knowing the work He does in our lives, and ask for His help when forgiving other people. It isn't always easy, but it's part of our duties as God's children!

Thinking about our Gospel movie today :

- If somebody does something wrong and say they are sorry, do you think Jesus will say that forgiving them seven times is enough?
- How many times does Jesus say Peter should forgive his brother?
- Do you think Jesus really meant that many times – or did he mean we should keep forgiving all the time without counting?
- How does God show us mercy?
- How quickly should we forgive others?



Join the Lifetree Kids and let's remind ourselves about God's mercy for us by singing this song

You Forgive Me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LO-2fm7IKcU>



God, I thank You for the power of forgiveness, and for the mercy You show me. I choose to forgive everyone who has hurt me. Help me to show Your mercy to those who have hurt me. I choose to be kind and loving and compassionate, forgiving others, just as You forgive me

Thank you, Jesus, for coming to earth. I believe you are the Son of God who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day. Thank you for bearing my sins and giving me the gift of eternal life. I believe your words are true. Come into my heart, Jesus, and help me to forgive others as quickly as I expect God to forgive me.

Amen

And I ask my friend Jesus to bless each and every one of you today, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

LET'S FINISH IN SONG : Reminding us of today's Gospel message : Forgive One Another

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