

REAL MEASURE OF MAN RESTS IN FORGIVENESS

Comparison of Ideal and Life Today Discloses

Wide Variance.
Text: Matt. 18:15-35

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There is no lesson that mankind needs more to learn than the lesson of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is the center and soul of the gospel, for the gospel concerning Jesus Christ is the declaration

Yet, when we contrast this ideal with the actual picture of life, how great is the discrepancy!

Even those who make the greatest profession of religion are often the most hard and relentless and unforgiving in their attitude when some one has done them some real or imagined wrong.

Harbor Resentment

The professing Christian often can nurture for years resentful and

vengeful feelings, utterly unmindful of his daily prayer to God for forgiveness and of the law of forgiveness that Jesus put in the Lord's Prayer, when he taught us to pray that our trespasses may be forgiven as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Peter was typical of the earnest religious persons who never have

quite understood just what forgiveness means.

Peter's question to Jesus, "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?" proved conclusively that he did not understand the essential nature of forgiveness or the true attitude of the forgiving soul.

You can not measure out forgiveness in parcels. You can not say

what wrongs shall be forgiven.
If you understand the meaning of forgiveness, it flows toward seventy times seven offenses just as readily as it does toward seven.

Beyond Measurement

Forgiveness is a regenerate attitude of mind and heart. It is an enlightened condition of the soul in

which man's character and life are touched with the grace and mercy of God himself.

Forgiveness is something that cannot be quite reasoned about or put in the form of exact mathematical equations. It is not a matter of balancing a budget. It can never

The life of the true Christian is never in the red. There is always a surplus, a margin of profit, for forgiveness is the pouring out of magnanimity of soul, the assets of the divine in human life in the presence of man and world.

Man is most like God in the character and act of forgiveness.

It is only the man who is capable of forgiveness, who can appropriate the richness and fullness of God's grace.

CLUB HEARS M'MILLAN

'Proud to Be at Indiana,' Bo Tells Exchange Members.

A. N. (Bo) McMillan told members of the Exchange Club yesterday noon at the Washington that "Indiana" university may be the graveyard of football coaches, but, nevertheless, I am proud to be there."

"The university wants a good football team, but we are primarily interested in building men," he said.

Mission Lecture Scheduled

"Present Day Fulfillment of Prophecy," will be the subject of a talk by Dr. Henry Ostrom of the extension department of the Moody

Bible Institute, at the Wheeler City Rescue Mission at 7:30 Sunday night. A musical program will precede his message.

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