

# SHOWING FORGIVENESS

Matthew 18:21-35  
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Introduction:

## A. THE IRONY OF HUMAN FORGIVENESS

1. Humans love to **receive** forgiveness but struggle to **give** it. (vs. 23-30)
2. Humans who need the door of God's forgiveness to remain **open** but **close** it by their refusal to forgive. (vs. 32-35)
3. Humans who refuse to forgive become a **perpetual prisoner** of the offender (Eph. 4:26-27, 31-32)

## B. THE THERAPY OF FORGIVENESS

1. **Relive** your spiritual "The Day" constantly (I Tim.1:15-17)
2. **Keep** the wonder of God's daily mercy and forgiveness in your life (Ps. 103:1-3)
3. **Decide** to show forgiveness just as Christ has forgiven you (Eph. 4:31-32)

Conclusion