

***Intro:***

5<sup>th</sup> Petition, forgive as forgiven (Mt. 6:12/Lk. 11:2-4). READ WLC Q&A 194

Main Point of Text: Jesus says that those who extend forgiveness are those who have received forgiveness.

Sermon Point: *Pray You Know Forgiveness.*

***Move 1: Pray that you know your need for forgiveness on a daily basis.***

LC: “acknowledging, that we and all others are guilty both of original and actual sin, and thereby become debtors to the justice of God”: Sins are debts (Mt. 6:12; Lk. 11:4). Ps. 130:3-4. Debt of obedience paid.

LC: “and that neither we, nor any other creature, can make the least satisfaction for that debt”: Debts/sins: *plural*. Is. 44:22. Micah 7:19. Leviticus 5:14ff: Trespass/Guilt offering: all debts paid.

***Move 2: Pray that you experience forgiveness on a daily basis in Jesus Christ.***

LC: “we pray for ourselves and others that God of his free grace would, through the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, apprehended and applied by faith, acquit us both from the guilt and punishment of sin”: Rom. 3:24-26. LC: “accept us in his Beloved”: Eph. 1:6. Lam. 3:23-24.

***Move 3: Pray that you enjoy the daily fruit of frequent forgiveness.***

LC: “continue his favour and grace to us, pardon our daily failings”: Hosea 14:2. Welcomed generously.

LC: “and fill us with peace and joy, in giving us daily more and more assurance of forgiveness”: Ps. 51:9-12.

***Move 4: Pray boldly for such forgiveness based on your own personal testimony of forgiving.***

LC: “which we are the rather emboldened to ask, and encouraged to expect, when we have this testimony in ourselves, that we from the heart forgive others their offences.” Mt. 6:14-15:

- Not if you can become God’s child, but if you are acting like one. Personal testimony of adoption.
- Assumes we do. Not “because/for” but “just like/for example.” Prov. 19:11. Col. 3:13. Eph. 4:32.
- Only “reason annexed”. Forgive lit., “cancel” or “let go”. 1 Tim. 2:8; Js. 2:13; Mt. 5:7.

***Conclusion:***

Stephen in Acts 7:60. Christ in Luke 23:34.

*Pray You Know Forgiveness.*