



# THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST BIBLE OUTREACH

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## DAILY DEVOTION

### WHEN YOU STAND PRAYING FORGIVE

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MARK 11:25 NKJ 25 "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

Forgiveness is a choice -- not a feeling. Your feelings may not change while you are praying, but you can choose to forgive at any time. It does not take long to make a choice.

How long does it take to forgive? How long can you stand and pray?

Jesus never said anything about the person deserving forgiveness. Nor did He say to forgive only after they asked for forgiveness.

Anytime you talk to God, Jesus said to forgive if you had anything against anyone. That would include people who hurt you without even realizing they hurt you. Even people who were still trying to hurt you. "Anyone" in this verse includes everyone, no matter what their attitude may be.

Why should you forgive them? Not because they deserve it. But because of the harm it will cause you if you don't forgive. Unforgiveness acts like a poison inside you. The reason you are to forgive others is because God has forgiven you, and He asks you to forgive them.

Jesus indicates there is something about us refusing to forgive others that hinders our relationship with God and the free flow of blessings God desires for us to receive.

I understand that forgiving someone who horribly wronged you is not easy, especially if they are not even sorry for what they did. But Jesus makes it clear that you have no real option. You MUST forgive if you want God's forgiveness. I need not tell you how vital that is.

If Jesus appeared to you right now and asked you face-to-face to forgive someone who hurt you -- would you do it for Him? We should respect Jesus' Word just as much as we would respond to Jesus appearing to us face-to-face.

PRAYER: Oh God, give me grace to forgive and release everyone who has ever hurt me as You have forgiven me in Jesus name, AMEN.