

FORGIVENESS

CHRISTIANITY



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The Big Question

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This man is called Martin Luther King Junior. He was a Christian who campaigned for the human rights of black people in the USA in the last century (1950s and 60s).



What does he mean when he said, *“Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude”*?

Forgiveness is never ‘done’; it is not just a one-off. It is about having a loving attitude towards others **all of the time.**

So ... how often do you think
we should forgive someone?

*Is it easier to forgive some people
more than others?*

*Is it easier to forgive some actions
more than others?*

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Matthew 18:21-22

Jesus is saying that the forgiveness of God is **eternal** and **unwavering**.



“Be patient with me, and
I will pay you
everything!”





When we studied the **Parable of the Unforgiving Servant**, we heard about a servant who had debts, and asked the King to wait patiently for him to pay him back.

How does this parable support or disagree with the idea of forgiving 77 times?



Forgiveness is the best
form of LOVE. It takes
a STRONG person to
say they're SORRY and
an even stronger
person to FORGIVE.



What does it mean by saying 'strong person'?

Do you agree with this saying?

Where have you seen this in action in school or at home?

