



FORGIVERS
MAKE THE BEST....

Forgivers Make the Best....

Luke 17:1-10



Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with [or within an atmosphere of] all longsuffering and teaching [this atmosphere comes from: taking heed to yourself, first].

2 TIMOTHY 4:2



“It is extremely important to note that the focus in the meanings of Ἀφίημι, is upon the guilt of the wrongdoer and not upon the wrongdoing itself. The event of wrongdoing is not undone, but the guilt resulting from such an event is pardoned in forgiveness. To forgive, therefore, means essentially to remove the guilt resulting from wrongdoing, however there may be consequences.”



Are You, Am I, Predisposed to Forgive?



“For three transgressions and for four I
will not turn away [from wrath]”



²¹Then Peter came to Him and said,
“Lord, how often shall my brother sin
against me, and I forgive him? Up to
seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do
not say to you, up to seven times, but up
to seventy times seven.

MATTHEW 18:21-22



Forgiveness and the Bitter Roots of
Unforgiveness, Let them Fly Away



Doctrine of the Forgiver



³²And be kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
even as God in Christ forgave you.

EPHESIANS 4:32



¹³bearing with one another, and
forgiving one another, if anyone has a
complaint against another; even as
Christ forgave you, [how serious is this
Paul?] so you also must do.

COLOSSIANS 3:13



⁷cont.... but which of you [12 disciples that would be Apostolic leaders], having [authority over] a servant [doulos, Bondservant] plowing [farming] or tending sheep [shepherding], will say to him when he has come in from the field ‘Come at once and sit down to eat’?

LUKE 7-9



⁸But [instead] will he [you the Master] not rather say to him, ‘Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve [diakonos] me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink’?

⁹Does he thank that servant [doulon, Bondservant] because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not.

LUKE 7-9



As believers we are to choose being a
Bondservant



¹⁰So likewise you, when you [twelve, viewed now as the bondservant and not the Master] have done all those things which you are commanded [by your Master], say [of yourselves], ‘We are unprofitable [ach-reios: useless, worthless] servants [dou-los, Bondservant].

LUKE 10



Forgivers Make the Best....

Forgivers start with being much
forgiven



Forgivers Make the Best....

Forgivers very much understand the
completeness of God's forgiveness



Forgivers Make the Best....

Forgivers tend to be Provisionists



Forgivers Make the Best....

Forgivers do not love sin, but they love
forgiving sins



Forgivers Make the Best....

Forgivers are not cultural pacifist, they understand the necessity to restrain sin



Forgivers Make the Best....

Forgivers understand being forgiving
versus the transactions of forgiveness



Forgivers Make the Best....

Forgivers are quicker to ask for
forgiveness



Forgivers Make the Best....

Forgivers understand that trust is a
separate issue from forgiveness



Forgivers Make the Best....

Forgivers who understand forgiveness
are more hopeful about all people



Forgivers Make the Best....
Forgivers have smaller rear view
mirrors



Forgivers Make the Best....

Forgivers are not and do not act cynical



Forgivers Make the Best....

Forgivers are first submitting
bondslaves before they are masters or
leaders



Forgivers Make the Best....

Forgivers manifest more joy and peace



Forgivers Make the Best....
Forgivers make the best lovers



Forgivers Make the Best....
Forgivers make the best spouses



Forgivers Make the Best....

Forgivers are seldom, if ever bitter



Forgivers Make the Best....

Forgivers tend to be more fun to be
around



Forgivers Make the Best....
Forgivers tend to live longer



Forgivers are most like the great forgiver,
Jesus Himself



¹⁴Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

REVELATION 21:14

