



Pathway to True Happiness

Matthew 5:7 (ESV)

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

Matthew 5:7 (The Message)

"You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for."

Nehemiah 9:17 (ESV)

You are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them.

Psalms 86:5 (NKJV)

For You, Lord, [are] good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You. - NKJV

1Peter 1:3 (ESV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

The Mercy of Genuine Forgiveness Matthew 5:7

I. Reasons to Foster Forgiveness

- God has forgiven us

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

- Resentment Ruins Us

Job 21:23,25 (HCSB)

One person dies in excellent health, completely secure and at ease. ...Yet another person dies with a bitter soul, having never tasted prosperity."

Warren Wiersbe

“The world’s darkest prison is the prison of an unforgiving heart. When we refuse to forgive others, we only imprison ourselves and compound our suffering. The most miserable people are those who will not forgive others. They dream about punishing the one who wronged them, and don’t realize that they are only punishing themselves.”

II. Ways to Practice forgiveness

- Seek forgiveness from Others
 - Face Your own Faults
 - Ask for Forgiveness
 - Trust God for the Outcome
- Offer Forgiveness to Others
 - Face the Facts
 - Make the Choice (to Forgive)
 - Rest in God’s Grace

John Macarthur

“An unforgiving Christian is a living contradiction of his new nature in Christ. It is central to the heart of God to forgive, and only the Christian who radiates forgiveness, radiates true Godliness.”



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