

Jesus on Prayer: Pt 6

Forgiveness, Temptation & Evil

Matthew 6:12-13

If Christianity is about trusting
Jesus, what are you trusting
Jesus for?

You can't get forgiveness from God, for instance, without also forgiving others. If you refuse to do your part, you cut yourself off from God's part.

Matthew 6:14-15 MSG

There is a direct relationship
between what we do and what
God does.

Prayer is *interactive*.

The Sovereign God over all has given us free agency, meaning, the freedom to choose and direct our lives as well as to choose the kind of person we want to become.

*And forgive us our debts (sins)
as we also have forgiven our
debtors.*

Matthew 6:12

God has made it so that our forgiveness of others is part of how we receive His forgiveness.

Those who are “our debtors” or
have “sinned against us”, are people
God Himself has forgiven of their sin
against Him

- *And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him. Luke 17:4*
- *Freely you have received, freely give. Matthew 10:8*
- *And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you for your offenses. Mark 11:25*

Forgiveness of our sins is God's willing choice to not make us pay the just penalty for sin.

Humility is to think of and value others
as being more important than
yourself.

*God opposes the proud but
gives grace to the humble.*

1 Peter 5:5 ..

Humility allows us to act on the basis of what is true, right and good. Most importantly, it enables us to forgive others.

*Do not lead us into temptation but
deliver us from evil (evil one).*

Matthew 6:13

Would God actually lead us into
temptation?

No, God would not. But ,on our own,
we will walk right into it.

*When tempted, no one should say,
‘God is tempting me.’ For God
cannot be tempted by evil, nor does
He tempt anyone...*

James 1:13

Instead, we ask God to....

...deliver us from evil (or -the evil one)

Deliver: to draw to one's self; to rescue.

John 15:5 - *Apart from Me you can do nothing.*

**This is what journeying with Jesus
looks like.**

**As His apprentices, we put into
practice His teaching and
intentionally, actively depend on
Him for things we could never
realize on our own.**