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## *The Lie*

### A. Satan and the Cheerleader - The Two Lessons

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- \* **We have an enemy who hates us and is on the offensive. (1 Peter 5:8)**  
(According to the Marine Guide Book the purpose of offensive combat is to “destroy the enemy and his will to fight”)
- \* **Unforgiveness and the bitterness that it spawns are among Satan’s most powerful weapons. With them he can rob us of all the good that our heavenly Father wants to give us. (John 10:10)**

***\*Satan is a liar. Among his favorite and most productive deceptions is to convince a person that he can choose to withhold forgiveness from another human being and still enjoy the benefits of God’s Kingdom. Nothing could be further from the truth.***

### B. *The Parable on Forgiveness* Matt 18:21-35

1. *The servant* – he looks a lot like \_\_\_\_\_
2. *The large debt* – 10,000 talents (\$ \_\_\_\_\_)
3. *The king* – powerful, gracious, and \_\_\_\_\_
4. *The gift* – The king \_\_\_\_\_ the entire debt
5. *The “fellow” servant* – could be my spouse, a parent, a coach, a teacher, a friend, a co-worker, a boss, a brother and sister in Christ etc.
6. *The small debt* – any \_\_\_\_\_ (attack, misdeed, or insult)
7. *The act of ingratitude* – the king wants his \_\_\_\_\_ extended, and he means business
8. *The king’s response* – the servant is handed over to the \_\_\_\_\_

**C. The Penalties of Unforgiveness**

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ others (Heb. 12:14-15)
2. Affects our \_\_\_\_\_ health (Ps. 32:1-4)
3. Destroys our \_\_\_\_\_ with God (Matt. 6:14-15)
4. Destroys our relationship with \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 2:9-11)
5. Grants Satan permission to “\_\_\_\_\_” us (Eph. 4:26-27)

***“I will never allow another man to control me by making me hate him.”***  
**George Washington Carver**

**D. The Process of Forgiveness**

1. Determine to be a \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 12:17-18)  
(Cut others lots of slack and avoid gossip like the plague)
2. Acknowledge the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:32)
3. Choose to \_\_\_\_\_ God and not your feelings and \_\_\_\_\_  
the offender (John 14:21)

***\*The only thing in life that really matters is pleasing Jesus Christ.***  
**(2 Cor. 5:9-10)**

**E. The Promises of Forgiveness (1 Cor. 13:5; Eph. 4:32) via Peacemakers**

1. I will not think about this incident
2. I will not bring this incident up and use it against you
3. I will not talk to others about this incident
4. I will not allow this incident to stand between us or hinder our relationship

***“Unforgiveness is the sin where a person drinks poison daily with the hope of hurting another.”***