

## LEARNING TO LOVE

Based on the book by Willard Tate

*Part 2: Reaching Out To Others In Love - Lesson 7*

### Four Ways To Change Your World

Intro: Willard Tate said the first way to change our world was to give others "unconditional acceptance". The second way to change our world is to offer "unconditional forgiveness". What is the difference between "conditional forgiveness" and "unconditional forgiveness"?

Read Matt.18:21-25; the parable of the unforgiving servant.

Who does the King represent?

Who does the servant represent?

What did the servant do in vs.26? What was the result?

Who does the fellow servant represent?

What did the fellow servant do in vs.29? What was the result?

What happened to the servant in vss.31-34?

What did Jesus say in vs.35?

What do we learn about forgiveness from this parable?

What hinders us from forgiving "unconditionally"?

What can help us to forgive "unconditionally"?

If we can't learn to forgive properly, how can that hurt us?

Luke 17:1-4: If your brother sins against you and R\_\_\_\_\_ ; F\_\_\_\_\_ them. (Forgiveness 101)

Luke 6: 27-31: Forgiveness is the act of non-RET\_\_\_\_\_. (Forgiveness 201 or mercy)

Luke 6:28: B\_\_\_\_\_ those that curse you, P\_\_\_\_\_ for those that abuse you.(Forgiveness 301; blessing)

Read Romans 12:17-20 - What does Paul say to us about revenge? What does Paul say God will do?

Things that will help us to forgive:

- If you forgive someone, that does not mean that the wrong they committed is T\_\_\_\_\_ care of!
- Your forgiveness is a matter for your own H\_\_\_\_\_!
- Your ability to forgive is a matter of F\_\_\_\_\_!
- Your ability to forgive is a matter of T\_\_\_\_\_! (Read Psa. 37)
- Forgiving others allows you to reclaim the P\_\_\_\_\_ you surrendered while holding a grudge!
- Starting the process of forgiveness is an exercise of the W\_\_\_\_\_!
- In that process, you have every right to express your E\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_!
- It is alright to firmly separate yourself from the harmful AC\_\_\_\_\_ and AT\_\_\_\_\_ of the person or situation you are forgiving.
- In the example of Jesus, we are commanded to send U\_\_\_\_\_ L\_\_\_\_\_ to that person you are forgiving!
- True forgiveness that Jesus exemplified and taught about is \_\_\_\_\_.