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DAILY DOCTRINE
Mental Attitude of Forgiveness toward Others

1. God treats the believer in grace in phase 1 (salvation), phase 2 (spiritual life), and phase 3 (throughout eternity).
2. Grace means that we do not earn or deserve this treatment.
3. God treats you in grace because of HIS CHARACTER, because of who and what He is, not who and what you are.
4. The most important Mental Attitude of one believer toward another is that of GRACE.

Matthew 18:23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a certain king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ "And when he had begun to settle *them*, there was brought to him one who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ "But since he did not have *the means* to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made. ²⁶ "The slave therefore falling down, prostrated himself before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will repay you everything.' ²⁷ "And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ "But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and *began* to choke *him*, saying, 'Pay back what you owe.'

5. GRACE THINKING (Doctrine) LEADS TO GRACE ACTION.

6. When someone wrongs you, you should forgive as Christ forgave,

Colossians 3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

Luke 23:34 But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

a. Put in the Lord's hands,

Psalms 55:22 Cast your burden upon the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.

b. No retaliation,

Romans 12:19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

c. Forgive as Christ forgave,

Colossians 3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

d. Forget it,

Philippians 3:13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,

7. When another believer hates you, keep thinking doctrinal principles related to that situation. Remember they are positionally in Christ too. They are also subject to the same divine discipline that you are, and God can do His own disciplining, He need to help. If you interfere you are subject to more discipline,

Matthew 7:1-3 "Do not judge lest you be judged. ² "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. ³ "And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"

8. You treat people in grace based God's grace to you.

9. You don't treat them on the basis of their actions but you treat them on the basis of what YOU think, not on the basis of what THEY think.

10. You are in control of the situation when you think GRACE (Divine Viewpoint), but you are out of control when you get down on the mental attitude sin level—their level.