

Title: An Unforgiving Attitude

Text: Matt. 18:21-35

Challenge: **We Ought To Develop A Forgiving Attitude Toward Others**

An Unforgiving Attitude....

I. IS SOMETHING THAT WILL PREVENT US FROM HAVING FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

1. It is contrary to God's will for our lives

Eph. 4:32

2. It conflicts with our being in fellowship with the Lord

II. IS SOMETHING THAT THE DEVIL CAN USE IN OUR LIVES

1. It can cause us to harbor malice in our hearts

I Pet. 2:1

2. It can rob us of the joy in serving the Lord

Heb. 12:15

3. It can result in all kinds of sinful actions in an attempt to get even

III. IS SOMETHING THAT STEMS FROM PRIDE AND LACK OF HUMILITY ON OUR PARTS

1. It looks down upon others

I Pet. 5:5

2. It fails to see one's own faults

IV. IS SOMETHING THAT MUST BE TAKEN CARE OF IN ORDER TO SERVE GOD

1. It fails to follow the Lord's example

Col. 2:13,14

2. It is a stumbling block to the unsaved and prevents spiritual growth