UPGRADE

(7) Forgiveness

Matthew 6:14-15...

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

It is a SPIRITUAL IMPOSSIBILITY for a FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST... to KNOWINGLY and WILLINGLY... HOLD ON to ANGERNESS... to BITTERNESS... and to UNFORGIVENESS... IN THEIR LIVES!

Matthew 18:21-35...

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to SEVEN times?"

FACT #1...

JESUS SAID... FORGIVEN PEOPLE... FORGIVE PEOPLE!

22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

"Peter... Not only should you **COMPLETELY... FORGIVE THEM**... but you should **CONTINUALLY**... and **COMPLETELY**... **FORGIVE THEM!**"

FACT #2...

IN CHRIST... YOU ARE COMPLETELY FORGIVEN!

23 "Therefore, the **kingdom of heaven** is like a **king** who wanted to **settle accounts** with **his servants**.

24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him.

25 Since he was **not able to pay**, the master ordered that **he** and **his wife** and **his children** and **all that he had** be **sold to repay the debt**.

26 "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, '**and I will pay back everything**.'

27 The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

28 "But when that servant went out, **he found** one of **his fellow servants** who **owed him** a hundred denarii. He **grabbed him** and began to **choke him**. **'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded**.

29 "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' 30 "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. 32 "Then the master called the servant in. 'You... wicked... servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. 33 Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. 35 "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

FACT #3...

REMEMBERING GOD'S FORGIVENESS GIVEN TO YOU... IS THE KEY... TO YOUR FREEDOM!