

PRAYER (3)

FORGIVE YOUR DEBTORS!

(MATTHEW 6:9-15)

1. **Read Matthew 6:9-15 (page 978).** *What have we so far learned from Jesus' lesson on prayer? How should we put those lessons into practice?*

2. *To what do the "debts" of verse 12 refer? What is verse 12 teaching us? How do verses 14-15 support this teaching?*

3. *How serious are the physical and mental effects of resentment? And what are the spiritual effects of resentment, according to Ephesians 4:26-27? What does Matthew 6:12 require us to do with our resentments against others?*

4. *What blessings do the letting go of resentments give us, according to verse 13? How would you summarize what we've so far learned tonight? What do we now need?*

5. *Of what does verse 14's reference to "heavenly Father" remind us? How should that change our attitude to our debtors? How does Matthew 18:21-35 reinforce this view?*

6. *How can we be empowered to forgive our debtors? What is the penalty of turning our back on this teaching? What blessings will result from responding to this teaching?*

7. *How would you summarize tonight's teaching? How should we practically apply it?*