

Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came up and said to him,
“Lord, how often will my brother sin against me,
and I forgive him?
As many as seven times?”

Jesus said to him,
“I do not say to you seven times,
but seventy times seven.”

Amos 1:3

Thus says the LORD:

“For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four,
I will not revoke the punishment,
because they have threshed Gilead
with threshing sledges of iron.”

Amos 2:1

Thus says the LORD:

“For three transgressions of Moab, and for four,
I will not revoke the punishment,
because he burned to lime
the bones of the king of Edom.”

Matthew 18:23-25

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven
may be compared to a king who wished
to settle accounts with his servants.

When he began to settle,
one was brought to him who owed him
ten thousand talents.

“And since he could not pay,
his master ordered him to be sold,
with his wife and children and all that he had,
and payment to be made.”

Matthew 18:26-27

“So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him,
‘Have patience with me,
and I will pay you everything.’

And out of pity for him,
the master of that servant released him
and forgave him the debt.

Matthew 18:28-30

“But when that same servant went out,
he found one of his fellow servants
who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him,
he began to choke him, saying,
‘Pay what you owe.’

So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him,
‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’
He refused and went and put him in prison
until he should pay the debt.

Matthew 18:31-34

“When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.

“Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’

“And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.”

Matthew 18:35

“So also my heavenly Father
will do to every one of you,
if you do not forgive your brother
from your heart.”

Ecclesiasticus 19:13-17

If you hear that a friend has done something wrong,
ask him about it. Maybe it isn't true.
If it is true, he won't do it again.

If you hear that a neighbor has said
something he shouldn't, ask him about it.
Maybe he didn't say it.
If he did, he won't say it again.

If you hear something bad about a friend,
ask him about it. It might be a lie.

Ecclesiasticus 19:13-17

Don't believe everything you hear.
A person may say something carelessly
and not really mean it.
Everyone has sinned in this way
at one time or another.

If you hear something that makes you angry
with your neighbor, ask him about it
before you threaten him.

Leave the matter to the Law of the Most High.

Proverbs 19:11

Good sense makes one slow to anger,
and it is his glory to overlook an offense.