

PRAYER

Praying to Properly Condition Our Heart, Part 1

Matthew 6:12

Prayer should seek to condition our heart to forgive others in the same way that we have been forgiven by God. (6:12, 14-15)

- (1)** The Gospel is centered in the fact that Christ fully paid the penalty of our sin and applies _____ the blessings of that payment, not based on our ability to earn them, but rather by His merciful grace so that He alone is praised! (Romans 5:9-11, Ephesians 2:4-10)
- (2)** Faith is a commitment to God that is necessarily _____ our obedience to Jesus. A consistent willful pattern of disobedience that lacks any sign of the conviction of the Holy Spirit is a testimony of somebody who may very well be religious, but Biblically they are not saved. (Hebrews 10:26-27, James 2:14-20, 1 John 1:10; 3:8-10)

Challenge: At the end of the day forgiveness means you have given up the right to hold something against somebody, to treat them as if they owe you or that you have the right to act out against them. How is your prayer life leading you to _____ others and yourself?