

As Told by Jesus

THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT

Power Truth

Digging deep into God's word teaches me how to live my life.

Power Verse

James 1:22a ICB

Do what God's teaching says; do not just listen and do nothing.

Word

Matthew 18:23-35 (NIV)

23 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to collect all the money his servants owed him. **24** As the king began to do it, a man who owed him 10,000 bags of gold was brought to him. **25** The man was not able to pay. So his master gave an order. The man, his wife, his children, and all he owned had to be sold to pay back what he owed.

26 "Then the servant fell on his knees in front of him. 'Give me time,' he begged. 'I'll pay everything back.' **27** His master felt sorry for him. He forgave him what he owed and let him go.

28 "But then that servant went out and found one of the other servants who owed him 100 silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he said.

29 "The other servant fell on his knees. 'Give me time,' he begged him. 'I'll pay it back.'

30 "But the first servant refused. Instead, he went and had the man thrown into prison. The man would be held there until he could pay back what he owed.

32 "Then the master called the first servant in. 'You evil servant,' he said. 'I forgave all that you owed me because you begged me to. **33** Shouldn't you have had mercy on the other servant just as I had mercy on you?' **34** In anger his master handed him over to the jailers. He would be punished until he paid back everything he owed.

35 "This is how my Father in heaven will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Two things we can learn about our debt of sin and what God did about it:

1. Our $\frac{\quad}{3} \frac{\quad}{2} \frac{\quad}{5} \frac{\quad}{4}$ is too big for us to pay.

2. Our debt is $\frac{\quad}{7} \frac{\quad}{6} \frac{\quad}{8} \frac{\quad}{1} \frac{\quad}{9} \frac{\quad}{10} \frac{\quad}{2} \frac{\quad}{11}$ because of God's mercy.

Complete the sentences by providing the missing letters. Use the clues below to form the words.

CLUES

1 - G

7 - F

2 - E

8 - R

3 - D

9 - I

4 - T

10 - V

5 - B

11 - N

6 - O

HUDDLE TIME

1. Have you ever experienced the mercy of God? Tell us about it.

2. Are there people in your life that you have a hard time forgiving? Let us pray that God will help you to be merciful to them.
