

A large cross is formed by a dense stream of falling particles, possibly seeds or dust, against a cloudy sky. The particles are dark and create a textured, almost ethereal appearance. The cross is positioned on the right side of the frame. In the lower right corner, a small, dark silhouette of a person stands on a flat, dark ground, looking towards the cross. The overall mood is contemplative and dramatic.

THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE



LUKE 5:27-28

After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.



ACTS 4:8-12

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,...



ACTS 4:8-12

... whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”



1 Timothy 2:5-6

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.



Dangers of Unforgiveness

It Will Fuel A Cycle of Anger

It Will Lock Your Past Into the Present

It Interferes with Our Relationship with God

It Gives Satan An Opportunity



LUKE 6:37

... forgive, and you will be forgiven



Ephesians 4:26-27

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.

2 Corinthians

2:10-11

Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.



When Should I Forgive?

As Soon As Possible...



LUKE 17:3-4

So watch yourselves. “If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”



To replace hostility and separation with peace and friendship.



Don't waste time bothering whether you 'love' your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him.



LUKE 6:38

...give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.



LUKE 6:30

Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.



LUKE 6:35

...lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.



CONVICTION #1

I Can Never Out-Give God



LUKE 6:38

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CONVICTION #2

God Has Called Me to Be a
MANAGER of Wealth Not An
OWNER.



Psalm 24:1

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it



MANAGERS

Arrange their finances to reflect the fact that everything belongs to God, everything comes from Him, & everything is dispersed by Him



My Security Is Anchored In God &
His Faithfulness, NOT My Wealth...



Exodus 16:4

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.



1 Timothy 6:17

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.



Philippians 4:19

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus...



CONVICTION #3

It's Better To Leave a Legacy of Giving Than of Accumulating...



Matthew 6:19-20

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.



LUKE 22:20

And likewise the cup after they had eaten,
saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is
the new covenant in my blood



LUKE