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GOLDEN TEXT. - And forgive us our debts, as we torgive our debtors .-Matt. 6:12.

THE TEACHING WHICH LED TO Peter's Question.—Vers. 15-18. Jesus had been warning his disciples against inflicting wrong on others. He then tells them how to treat those from whom they had received injuries. First, an effort is to be made to keep the matter private, and settle the difficulty by the two parties alone. The injured person is to make the first move. It is the sin of our brother that is to excite solicitude, and not our suffering in consequence of it (2) If this measure fails, then one or two are to go with us to visit our brother. (3) If this fails the whole church may bring their united wisdom and influence to bear.

If all these fail, then "the individual Christian is justified in ceasing to maintain friendly and personal relations.

PETER'S QUESTION ABOUT FORGIV-ING INJURIES.—Vers. 21-22. Then Peter said: after revolving in his mind the above teaching. Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? In the recent dispete, Peter had probably been an object of special envy. Till seven times? Or, as Luther gives it freely, Is seven times sufficient?

I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, Until seventy times seven. means 490 or 77 (seventy times seven, or seventy times and seven). given. But in either case it means neverending forgiveness. Love is not to

Always, and under all circumstances, we must feel and show a STATIONERS, forgiving spirit, and never the spirit concealed hoard. Till he should bench. of revenge. This duty does not imply that we are to take no notice tion is the strongest possible way of get the wants of the boys. While whatever of the wrong that has been expressing the eternal duration of the daughters have their love for done to us. There is no virtue in simply permitting a man to wrong you as often as he chooses, forgiving Father do also unto you, if ye from him and doing nothing more. If he your hearts, forgive not every one nation toward becoming skilled a day, and seven times in a day turn of our forgiveness, but it is the test thou shalt forgive him. If we can- forgiven. not lead our brother to repentance. then he becomes to us "as a heathen man and a publican." He cannot, in that state, be an intimate friend, but we must love him as an enemy. if he thirst, give him drink; for in | to him. so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of to lessen the sin of the world. evil, but overcome evil with good."

THE DOCTRINE OF FORGIVENESS ILLUSTRATED BY A PARABLE.—Vers. thereby we may learn the duty of absolute, not limited, forgiveness. A certain king, which would take account of his servants. The picture. is drawn from an Oriental court. The provincial governors, farmers of reckoning. taxes, and other high officials are summoned before a despotic soverbracing many decided novelties in eign to give an account of their

The King, of course, represents us God himself. The Servants are all to whom God had committed great

blessings and opportunities. to the last judgment, for after that us. there is no opportunity. Arnot gives the true interpretation: "So the King Eternal, in various ways and at various periods, takes ac-

000 talents \$9,000,000.

Sin. The immense debt of this of the luxuries of life. guilty officer "represents the magnitude of the debt which the sinner daughters were sitting together and owes to God, and the hopelessness of were engaged in finishing up some

pay. He had had the money, but ed with budding roses and trailing coming so dizzy as to be in danger wasted it. His lord commanded vines. The older daughter was just of losing his seat. Suddenly he rehim to be sold, and his wife, and putting the finishing-touches upon a ceived a blow on the chin from a "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children, etc. This is simply a beautiful panel for a tea gown. It hunter, who was his companion, children teething is pleasant to the historical trait, to point the lesson, was of elegant stuff bordered with with the words, "Look up!" He taste and is the prescription of one of that a man's desert before God is life-like sprays of delicate tints and did so, and recovered his balance.

for sale dy all druggests throughout I will pay thee all. This describes a robe fit for a duchess when comthe world. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "MRS the first impulse of one who is roused bined with the material for which it to despair. He must look upward WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP," and to a sense of the sinfulness of sin. was intended Mamma was at work to Christ, who has been exalted to

righteous acts.

The lord of that servant was moved with compassion. Expressing the infinite pity and mercy of God to-Son." Loosed him. Set him at aglow, like a rosy morning. liberty. And forgave him the debt.

The Divine Forgiveness originates in the divine love and compassion. love us, but to express God's love. itself. Forgiveness does not merely | a set, papa?" take away the punishment of sin; but removes the curse of sin.

The same servant went out. He has not been converted; he has only been frightened. And found. much money away." Searches for the man who had is meant the debt of man to man, out with such a look of disappointoffences which men are bound to for- ment and genuine grief on his face give one another. A hundred I fest sorry for the boy. pence. This debt was only one savage the spirit. Pay me that thou | spoke his mind freely if he thought | owest. An imperative demand.

Fell down at his feet I will

him how shamefully unreasonable you not to do something to gratify and heartless his conduct was.

compassion on thy fellow servant? George at his bench. It will en-By doing as he had done he had out- able him to learn how to handle Hides and Leather bought and sold on It is doubtful whether the original raged love, and denied the very tools. Get him a set and I will pay reasons for which he had been for- a skilled mechanic to give him three

> And his lord was wroth : angry, and justly so at such misconduct. be limited by the multiplication Delivered him to the tormentors. pay all that was due. This condibis punishment.

> trespass against thee seven times in injuries against us is not the ground again to thee, saying, I repent; and proof that we may safely be

> > PRACTICAL HINTS.—It is a great privilege to gain a brother from one who would otherwise be an enemy.

"If thine enemy hunger, feed him; enemy and do all the good we can Christ.

consideration and forbearance toward honest but unfortunate 23-35. Therefore: in order that debtors—one generally overlooked. We see the enormity of our sins

> against God. We are utterly unable to pay the debt of sin. There will surely come a time of

God loves to forgive.

The acceptance of forgiveness involves the obligation to forgive those who have trespassed against

The great difficulty we find in forgiving deep wrongs against ourselves shows us how great must be The Reckoning does not answer God's love, who so freely forgives

A Good Word for the Boys.

I was at a home not very long count of men, as by a commercial since in a family of which there are the boy went to church; all 1,500 Bushels New Buch wheat Meal; also one crisis, a personal affliction, a reviv- three children, two bright, lovely daughters, and one young son, full And when he had begun, one was of sturdy life, joyous of spirit and brought unto him, which owed him | naturally of steady purpose. The ten thousand talents. A talent parents are well-to-do, yet not of their respect by his manly avowal would then be worth \$900, and 10,- great wealth, yet have enough to live elegantly, and indulge in some

When I dropped in mother and He will try to balance the account on a piano cover, which she intend- give salvation.

as by a series of instalments of ed as a gift for a friend at Christmas time.

While they were sitting there, busy with their pretty work, papa sat near reading his Times. Sudward sinners. "God so loved the denly the door burst open and son Occupying one of the largest Stores in world that he gave his only begotten | Johnny came bounding in, his face

"On mother," said he, "I want House This was more than he had dared to a box of tools. George Henries has ask for, and yet was necessary to a just had such an elegant set given full pardon, for he could never pay him by his father, and he has got a workshop all fitted up and is going to try his hand at cabinet and such llight work out of school-house, and Jesus did not come to make God he says I may have a bench in one corner if you'll only give me a set of The divine forgiveness is given in | tools and we can have lots of fun Jesus Christ in such a way as to re- together and make a heap of pretty move the debt, to save from the sin | things besides. Won't you get me | Tapestry, Union, All Wool (Eng-

Papa looked up from his paper it receives us back into the love and glanced at mamma, who said and favor of God, into his family "John, a set of tools would be very and home. Forgiveness does not expensive. I do not think we can remove the fact that we have sinned, afford them right now. You don't think any more about them. It would be almost like throwing so

wronged him. One of his fellow his mother's decision as final, so he servants which owed him. By this made no further appeal, but went

But his uncle John was there, 600,000th part of the debt which for whom he was named. He was his lord had just forgiven him. his mother's brother, a man of large Took him by the throat. How observation, and one who always occasion required.

"Mary," said he to the mother, pay thee all. The very act and | "do you think you are quite doing words which he himself had so lately | justice to John? Here are you and my nieces spending money for the And he would not: but went and | beautiful trifles which you are emcast him into prison. So when his broidering. The work is very fellow servants saw what was done, | beautiful, but it is costly; yet you they were very sorry, and came and never deny yourselves anything in told their lord all. The first resort | this line, and I do not want to of the Christian against oppression blame you for it. These produc-O thou wicked servant, etc. Be- works of art, and I admire them as spread of the stock is too large to fore bringing down his vengeance I would a beautiful picture. But preciated. upon him, he calmly points out to while you gratify yourselves, ought John also? It will keep him out of Shouldst not thou also have had bad company if he can work with lessons a week for six months, and we will see what he will accomplish.'

The result was John was called back and his father told him that Those who (among the ancient he would go with him that even-Romans) sought by legal tortures to ing and select as fine a set of tools find out whether the debtor had any as could be purchased for the work-

My moral is, parents, don't forfinery, work and such like things So likewise shall my heavenly gratified, let the boys have all the tools needed if they show an incli-

A Right Start.

A young man was recently graduated from a scientific school. His home had been a religious one. He was a member of a Christian church, If we cannot gain him after every had pious parents, brothers and effort, then we must love him as an sisters; his family was one in

On graduating he determined up-The desire of every good man is on a Western life among the mines. Full of courage and hope, he started The parable teaches the duty of on his long journey to strike out for himself in a new world.

The home prayers followed him. As he went he fell into company with older men. They liked him for his frank manners, and his manly independence. As they journeyed together they stopped for a Sabbath in a border town. On the morning of the Sabbath, one of his fellow. travellers said to him, "Come, let us be off for a drive and the sights."

"No," said the young man, "I am going to church. I have been brought up to keep the Sabbath, and I have promised my mother to keep on in that way.'

His road acquaintance looked at him for a moment, and then, slapping him on the shoulder, said, "Right, my boy. I began in that way. I wish I had kept on. Young man, you will do. Stick to your bringing up, and your mother's words, and you will win.'

honour to him in that far-away place, among such men. His companions had their drive, but the boy gained their confidence, and won of sacred obligations. Already success is smiling upon the young man. There is no lack of places for him.

Look Up.—A gentleman was beautiful embroidery. One had a fording the Susquehanna river on But forasmuch as he had not to table-scarf of the softest silk, cover- horseback, and found himself beshades, a costly work of art, but very It is so with the sinner. If he Lord, have patience with me, and charming in effect. It would make looks to the dark waters of his sins

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