(24) Live, **Give,** Grow, Go ForGIVE (Part 1)

**Intro – Summary of Trading Give (Esau allowing His Legacy – Life of Giving – to be stolen)**

**Hebrews 12:14-17** **14**Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. **15**Look after each other so that none of you **fails to receive the grace of God**. **Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many**. 16Make sure that no one is immoral or godless like Esau, who traded his birthright as the firstborn son for a single meal.17You know that afterward, when he wanted his father’s blessing, he was rejected. It was too late for repentance, even though he begged with bitter tears.

**Definition of “FOR”:**

“Used to indicate the place someone or something is going to or toward. Used to indicate the person or thing that something is sent or given to.”

**FOR**  ---  **GIVE**

*Going towards…*

**UNFOR** --- **GIVE**

*Going away from…*

**Matthew 6:14-15**

**14**For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **15**But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

* This is one of the few reciprocal absolutes in relationship with God – Very Serious
  + (e.g. “if you deny me before men I will deny you before my heavenly father…”)

Where We Get Hung Up on Forgiveness

**1. The Way We Look At \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* **Single Perspective or Vantage Point**
  + Belt of Truth (God’s Armor in Ephesians 6)
* **Proverbs 18:13** He who ([P](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=proverbs+18&version=NASB#cen-NASB-16915P))gives an answer before he hears, It is folly and shame to him.
* **Proverbs 18:17** In a lawsuit the first to speak seems right, until someone comes forward and cross-examines.
* **The Disastrous Danger of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
  + Allowing Hurt, Anger, and Fear to drive and dominate our thoughts/actions

**James 1:19-20** Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.

**2. The Way We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Blame / Fault**

**Proverbs 11:1** The Lord detests the use of dishonest scales, but he delights in accurate weights.

* **Maximizing and Minimizing**
* **Malice or Mistake**
  + Brittny, a new mother at age 23 of two little girls (6 and 8)
  + Discipline became a muddy, confusing, mess…
  + The difference between a mistake and a rebellious heart
    - Apply discipline accordingly…
* **We Must Use Honest Scales…**
* And even then, approach with **extreme humility** in the realm of motives…
* Because you don’t have the ability to judge another person’s heart…

**3. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ We’ve Been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* **Act Like People Who’ve Been Shown Mercy**

**James 2:12-13**

**12**So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by *the* law of liberty. **13**For judgment *will be* merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

**Homework: Read Matthew 18:21-35**

**Colossians 3:12-13**  Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, **clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.**