

LIVE LIKE YOU WERE DYING – Pt. 4
“Give Forgiveness”
April 13, 2008

Psalm 118:24

*“This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.”*

Psalm 90:12

*“Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”*

Romans 12:18

“Do your part to live in peace with everyone, as much as possible.”

**1. You’ve been released from God’s judgment –
CELEBRATE**

Col. 1:21

“At one time you were far away from God and were his enemies because of the evil things you did and thought.”

Ephes. 4:32

“Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”

2. Release others from your judgment – LIBERATE

Proverbs 19:11

*“A man's wisdom gives him patience;
it is to his glory to overlook an offense.”*

Col. 3:13

“You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”

Luke 6:27-28

“But if you are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. [28] Pray for the happiness of those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.”

Luke 6:35-36

“Love your enemies! Do good to them! Lend to them! And don't be concerned that they might not repay. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to the unthankful and to those who are wicked. [36] You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.”

3. Release yourself to torture – DEVASTATE

Matthew 18:32-34

“Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. [33] Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?' [34] Then the angry king sent the man to prison until he had paid every penny.”

Matthew 18:35

“That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters in your heart.”

Hebrews 12:15

“See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.”

2 Samuel 2:26-27

“Abner shouted down to Joab, 'Must we always solve our differences with swords? Don't you realize the only thing we will gain is bitterness toward each other? When will you call off your men from chasing their Israelite brothers?'

[27] Then Joab said, 'God only knows what would have happened if you hadn't spoken, for we would have chased you all night if necessary.’