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“I Wanna Be Popular”

By Isha Michel

"Popularity is not a guarantee of quality."

- Indira Gandhi

As we know it, popularity is being well liked, looked up to, and admired by many people. Not all people are popular and that's a good thing; that means there is balance. Being popular means you are a role model, and it also means you are a leader. People look up to you. They watch what you do and follow your example.

So how do you be a good *example*? A good *leader*?

Matthew 23:11 says "But the greatest among you shall be your servant."

Proverbs 28:16 says, "A leader who is a great oppressor lacks understanding, but he who hates unjust gain will prolong his days."

Humility, love, understanding, justice, and mercy -- that's how. It's all part of being a good leader. Jesus is the greatest leader in the Bible; give credit where credit is due. So, readers, whom shall we look to as our guide?

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children" (Ephesians 5:1).

Only Seventy-Seven Times

By Erin Short

"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you."

- Lewis B. Smedes

To say it plainly, it's really going against the social standard to actually forgive people these days. Most people say "You're right," or "Wait until they apologize." Somehow, forgiving people has become a sign of weakness, as if you're letting people walk all over you. But, in reality, forgiveness is a sign of strength. Mark 11:25 says, "If you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." The Bible doesn't say to "wait until the other person makes the first move." In essence, that's just being childish, because you can't be bold for yourself. Even if many people agree with this, or, at least, deep down in their hearts, they know that forgiveness is a good thing, they say, "Okay, then, I guess I can forgive someone *once*."

Think again.

When Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, asks Him how many times people should forgive someone -- specifically, if seven should be the absolute limit. Jesus replied, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times" (Matthew 18:21-22). How many of us can truthfully say we would forgive someone -- just one person -- seventy-seven times? Per person? Literally no one. Think about it this way: we've surely all sinned more than seventy-seven times over the course of our lives, and we always sort of expect that God will forgive us for this. So why can't we forgive people the same way? Everyone sins, more times than they can count. We're no different.

So don't hold a grudge when someone wrongs you, even if you think it's unforgivable. After all, if we can't forgive others, then we can't expect God to forgive us.

"Put It In 'P' For 'Persevere' "

By Talia Michel

"Great works are performed, not by strength, but by perseverance."

-Samuel Johnson

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord, your labor is not in vain." (1Corinthians 15:58)

Perseverance is *continued effort to do or achieve something despite the difficulties*. We need to push past the obstacles that life throws at us, pick ourselves back up when we fall, and look always to the finish line, for "our labor is not in vain," because heaven is our finish line. Now, this is not to say we *live to die*; but to run towards our prize -- and heaven is our prize. Our finish line.

Philippians 3:14 says, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

The road to the finish line is not an easy one to follow. There are distractions of all kinds, and countless obstructions in the way. There will be trial and error, pain and heartache, but once we get there we will receive the ultimate prize: eternal life.

John 10:28: "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

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