

Jesus' Parable of The Two Debtors

Those who are more grateful for God's mercy will be more loving toward God

Introduction

- Although it is not identified as a parable, this short comparison conforms to the definition of a parable
- A parable is an earthly story designed to teach a spiritual lesson through a comparison
- Although many parables are directed to crowds, this, like some others, are aimed at an individual

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Introduction

- In this case, Jesus spoke to Simon the self-righteous Pharisees who despised sinners that had invited Him to his home for dinner
- Simon, like us if we are not careful, thought lightly about his sins and his absolute need for God's mercy
- This attitude led him to be impenitent, ungrateful and unloving toward God and others

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Background To The Parable of The Two Debtors

Luk 7:36 Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to dine with him, and He entered the Pharisee's house and reclined *at the table*.

Luk 7:37 And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining *at the table* in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume,

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Luk 7:38 and standing behind *Him* at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume.

Luk 7:39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner."

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Luk 7:40 And Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he replied, "Say it, Teacher."

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The Parable of The Two Debtors

Luk 7:41 "A moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

Luk 7:42 "When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. So which of them will love him more?"

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One Denarius = One Day's Wages For A Common Laborer

Mat 20:1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Mat 20:2 "When he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard.

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Simon Judged Correctly The Greater Debtor Will Love The Gracious Lender More

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Luk 7:43 Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have judged correctly."

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Simon Contrasted With The Greater Debtor, Believing Penitent Forgiven Loving Woman

Luk 7:44 Turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

Luk 7:45 "You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet.

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Luk 7:46 "You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume.

Luk 7:47 "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."

Luk 7:48 Then He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

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Luk 7:49 Those who were reclining *at the table* with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this *man* who even forgives sins?"

Luk 7:50 And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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Any and All Sin Condemns Us Before God

Jas 2:8 If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF," you are doing well.

Jas 2:9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin *and* are convicted by the law as transgressors.

Jas 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one *point*, he has become guilty of all.

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Jas 2:11 For He who said, "DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," also said, "DO NOT COMMIT MURDER." Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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All of Us Are In Need of The Blood of Jesus To Be Forgiven

1Pe 1:18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

1Pe 1:19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood of Christ*.

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All of Us Must Be Saved By Grace Through Faith

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;

Eph 2:9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

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Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

Rom 6:2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

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Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

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Those Who Are More Grateful For God's Mercy Will Be More Loving Toward God

1Ti 1:12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service,

1Ti 1:13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief;

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1Ti 1:14 and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are *found* in Christ Jesus.

1Ti 1:15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*.

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1Ti 1:16 Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

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1Co 15:9 For I am the least of the apostles,
and not fit to be called an apostle, because I
persecuted the church of God.

1Co 15:10 But by the grace of God I am
what I am, and His grace toward me did not
prove vain; but I labored even more than all
of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with
me.

1Co 15:11 Whether then *it was* I or they, so
we preach and so you believed. 25

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2Co 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us,
having concluded this, that one died for all,
therefore all died;

2Co 5:15 and He died for all, so that they
who live might no longer live for themselves,
but for Him who died and rose again on their
behalf.

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2Co 5:16 Therefore from now on we
recognize no one according to the flesh;
even though we have known Christ
according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him*
in this way no longer.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creature; the old things passed
away; behold, new things have come.

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1Jn 4:19 We love, because He first loved
us.

Rom 5:6 For while we were still helpless, at
the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Rom 5:7 For one will hardly die for a
righteous man; though perhaps for the good
man someone would dare even to die.

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own
love toward us, in that while we were yet
sinners, Christ died for us. 28

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1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we
keep His commandments; and His
commandments are not burdensome.

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Which Debtor Am I?

1. Like Simon?
2. Or like the woman?

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