

THE **BIG** IDEA

Ask for forgiveness.

Monday: *Matthew 6:14-15*

Forgiveness is important to God. There's no getting around that. It was important enough for Him to send His Son to die, so it's no surprise He wants to see it in our lives. How are you doing with this forgiveness? If you need to, spend some time asking God to soften your heart about forgiveness. Be ready to receive all He wants to do in you thru this.

Tuesday: *Matthew 5:23-24*

Stop, drop, then give! God wants us to know just how important forgiveness is: first that we should seek it out even as the offender, and that we should leave His presence to do so. So now comes the rough part. Who have you hurt that hasn't forgiven you? Stop. Remember. Write it down. Who have you hurt? Now write down how you hurt them. Remember to think from their perspective. Even if it's a misunderstanding, think about how they are feeling in the situation. Now pray and get ready for tomorrow.

Wednesday: *Proverbs 6:2-5*

Just do it. God has a funny way of letting our wrongs eat at us if we don't deal with them. We're like the Princess and the Pea, trying to rest, but kept awake by the nagging of a tiny hurt we caused. Now that you've listed those you've hurt, it's time to ask for forgiveness. Go...now.

Thursday: *Romans 12:18*

Don't allow the results—or lack of results—to keep you from seeking forgiveness. A big part of this is trusting God to handle the heart of the other person. But you must be able to say with confidence that you did all you could through the Holy Spirit.

Friday: *Romans 12:1*

Don't end the process without recognizing God for all He's done to bring you to this point. Stop and give thanks. He is healing!