

January 12

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that God is capable of demonstrating great patience with me? Do I understand that He is extremely forgiving? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one He wants to forgive and wants to live free from guilt? Am I as patient and forgiving of others as God is patient and forgiving of me?

1 **God abundantly forgives** — *Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

What is the difference between pardoning and ""abundantly"" pardoning?

What things has God forgiven me for which I can praise Him?

2 **I am granted forgiveness of sins** — *1 John 2:12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.*

Is there any unconfessed sin in my life? What is keeping me from repenting?

What sins does the devil keep bringing up to cause me to live with guilt?

3 **I am to seek to be forgiving** — *Matthew 18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.*

Against whom am I holding a grudge?

What evidence is there that I am seeking to get back at someone?

Spirit of Wisdom, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Matthew 9:1-17

Evening: Genesis 29, 30