

The Man Who Would Not Forgive

2 Samuel 16:15 – 17:4

Matthew 6:14-15

“For if you forgive others their offenses, your heavenly Father will forgive you as well. But if you don’t forgive others, your Father will not forgive your offenses.”

A failure to forgive will frustrate your fellowship with the Father

- **Ahithophel enjoyed greatness**

**We are never so spiritual or so
godly that we are immune to
unforgiveness**

- **Ahithophel enjoyed greatness**
- **Ahithophel endured grief**

**A deep hurt will not destroy you,
but how you choose to handle
that hurt can place you on a
path of destruction**

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- **Ahithophel endured grief**
- **Ahithophel enabled his own guilt**

Ahithophel's Guilt

- **Ahithophel's allegiance was unsettled**
see 2 Samuel 15:12, 31
- **Ahithophel's attitude was unspiritual**
- **Ahithophel's advice was unbiblical**

- **Ahithophel enjoyed greatness**
- **Ahithophel endured grief**
- **Ahithophel enabled his own guilt**
- **Ahithophel encountered a grave**

Ahithophel's Grave

- Ahithophel's defeat commenced when he refused to forgive even when God did
- Ahithophel's defeat continued when he sought revenge instead of waiting for the Lord (see Romans 12:19)
- Ahithophel's defeat was consummated when his counsel was rejected (see 17:5-7, 14, 23)

The Missing Word

GRACE