

An Official Who Refused To Forgive

(Based on Matthew 18:21-35)

Cast: Narrator, Official, Second Official, King.

Narrator: One day a king decided to call in his officials and ask them to give an account of what they owed him. As he was doing this, one official was brought in who owed him 50 million silver coins. But he didn't have any money to pay what he owed. The king ordered him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all he owned, in order to pay the debt.

The official got down on his knees and began begging.

Official: Have pity on me, and I will pay you every cent I owe!

Narrator: The king felt sorry for him and let him go free. He even told the official that he didn't have to pay back the money.

As the official was leaving, he happened to meet another official, who owed him 100 silver coins. So he grabbed the man by the throat. He started choking him and said.

Official: Pay me what you owe.

Narrator: The man got down on his knees and began begging.

Second Official: Have pity on me, and I will pay you back.

Narrator: But the first official refused to have pity. Instead he went and had the other official put in jail until he could pay what he owed.

When some other officials found out what had happened, they felt sorry for the man who had been put in jail. They told the king what had happened. The king called the first official back in and said.

King: You're an evil man! When you begged for mercy, I said you didn't have to pay back a cent. Don't you think you should show pity to someone else as I did to you?

Narrator: The king was so angry that he ordered the official to be tortured until he could pay back everything he owed.