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Until seventy times seven Matt 18:22 (KJV)

I am not the first to say this but it is a good thing I am not God. Surely the whole world appreciates the fact that I am not God. I do not have the power or the patience to rule this world.

A few days ago Konnor (my grandson) and I were sitting in my office. After rambling through my desk drawers I found an old toy car and had allowed Konnor to play with it. Now I have some cars on my shelves but I would rather they stay in one piece. Anyway no sooner had I given him the car than he was saying “Pops” and holding up the car and he had ran the tire off one of the wheels. So I put the tire back on the wheel and instructed him not to be so “ruff” on the car. I had not turned around good and he is holding up the car with the tire again separated from the wheel. After putting the tire back on I encouraged him to be a little gentler as he plays with the car. Watching him this time, he makes two short swipes across the floor and this time the whole wheel comes off. I can’t say much for the quality of the car but I had possessed the car for close to twenty years and it had never lost a wheel. This was also the first time Konnor had ever played with it. Now I am not criticizing my grandson, I am just saying that cars have to meet a certain standard if they survive his test. Long story short, I lost count of how many times the tire and wheel had to be replaced.

Do you get the idea of where I am going with this devotion today? We are really good at running the wheels off our lives and not very good at putting them on. How often we have come to The Father with arms outstretched pleading for forgiveness when we have been neglectful with the gift of life that God has so graciously left in our care? Things were going along fine but we got careless and started flirting with world and the next thing we knew we were laying by the roadside begging. We tear it up but only God can fix it. I am so glad we have a God who is able to help us. We also have a God who is willing to help us. I mentioned earlier that I am not powerful of patient enough to be God but he is all powerful and is plenty patient when it comes to forgiving us. Peter thought that there might be a limit to forgiveness but Jesus says there really is not a limit. When we have limits we spend too much time counting. The Lord wants us to quit counting and start living. If we live we are going to have some wheels to come off but thanks be to God we have someone who can make the proper repairs to our lives and keep us living.

Yours in Christ,

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