

## MERCY. ME?

Life Worth Living - Part 5

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*"God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy."*

**Matthew 5:7**

### WHY BE MERCIFUL TO OTHERS?

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ MERCY

*"Shouldn't you have mercy on others, just as I had mercy on you?"*

**Matthew 18:33 (NLT)**

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ MERCIFUL

*"I don't want your sacrifices! I want you to be merciful!"*

**Hosea 6:6**

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ MERCY IN THE FUTURE

*"You must show mercy to others, or God won't show mercy to you..."*

*But the person who shows mercy can stand without fear at the judgment."*

**James 2:13 (NCV)**

#### 4. SHOWING MERCY \_\_\_\_\_

*"If you want to be happy, be kind to those in need; it is a sin to despise anyone!"*

**Proverbs 14:21 (TEV)**

*"A merciful person helps himself, but a cruel person hurts himself."*

**Proverbs 11:17 (GW)**

### HOW DO I BE MERCIFUL?

#### 1. BE \_\_\_\_\_

*"Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love."*

**Ephesians 4:2 (LB)**

*"The wisdom that comes from heaven is pure, peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. Wisdom is full of mercy..."*

**James 3:17 (NLT)**

#### 2. HELP \_\_\_\_\_

*"Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it."*

**Proverbs 3:27 (TEV)**

*["When you do] acts of mercy, show mercy with cheerfulness."*

**Romans 12:8**

#### 3. GIVE \_\_\_\_\_

*"Don't get bitter or angry or use harsh words that hurt each other. Don't yell at one another or curse or ever be rude. Instead, be kind and merciful, and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ."*

**Ephesians 4:31-32 (CEV)**

#### 4. DO \_\_\_\_\_

*"Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because God is kind to the ungrateful and wicked."*

*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."*

**Luke 6:35-36 (NIV)**

#### 5. BE \_\_\_\_\_

*(Paul) "Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief..."*

*I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for others who'd believe on him and receive eternal life."*

**1 Timothy 1:13,16**

*"Show mercy to those who have doubts. Save others by snatching them from the fire. Show mercy to them, while being careful that you aren't contaminated by their sins."*

**Jude 1:22-23 (GW/NLT)**

#### 6. BUILD \_\_\_\_\_

*"Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?" When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do." Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."*

**Matthew 9:10-13 (NLT)**

#### 7. VALUE \_\_\_\_\_

*"At about that time Jesus was walking through some grain fields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, so they began breaking off some heads of grain and eating them. But some Pharisees saw them do it and protested, "Look, your disciples are breaking the law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath."*

*Jesus said to them, "Haven't you read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He went into the house of God, and he and his companions broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests are allowed to eat ... But you would not have condemned my innocent disciples if you knew the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!"*

**Matthew 12:1-8 (NLT)**