

The Beatitudes – The Road To Happiness #5

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“I Get What I Give”

Matthew 5:7 (NIV) *Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*

Luke 6:31 (NIV) *Do to others as you would have them do to you.*

Mercy = _____

Marks of Mercy

If I am merciful I will:

1. Be _____ with those who are _____

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NLT) *Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone.*

Psalms 145:8 (NLT) *The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to get angry, full of unfailing love.*

2. _____ those who have _____

Romans 5:8 (NIV) *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Colossians 3:13 (NIV) *Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV) ¹⁴ *For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

Micah 6:8 (NIV) *He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

3. _____ those who are _____

Proverbs 3:27 (NCV) *Whenever you are able, do good to people who need help.*

1 John 3:17-18 (NLT) ¹⁷ *But if anyone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need and refuses to help—how can God's love be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions.*

4. Do _____ to my _____

Luke 6:33, 35-36 (NIV) ³³ *If you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that. . . . ³⁵ But 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 sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

• **My motive for being merciful** – _____

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NIV) ⁴ *But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.*

James 2:13 (NLT) *For there will be no mercy for you if you have not been merciful to others. But if you have been merciful, then God's mercy toward you will win out over his judgment against you.*

Proverbs 11:17 (NAS) *The merciful man does himself good; but the cruel man does himself harm.*

Romans 6:23 (NCV) *When people sin, they earn what sin pays—death. But God gives us a free gift—life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

August memory verse: Isaiah 26:3 (NLT) *You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, whose thoughts are fixed on you!*