

## YOUR MINISTRY OF MERCY

The Keys to a Blessed Life  
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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. \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 2:4-5)  
*"Shouldn't you have mercy on others, just as I had mercy on you?"*  
Matthew 18:33 (NLT)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Micah 6:8)  
*"I don't want your sacrifices! I want you to be merciful!" Hosea 6:6*
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"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. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"If you want to be happy, be kind to those in need; it is a sin to despise anyone!"*  
Proverbs 14:21 (GNT)  
*"A merciful person helps himself, but a cruel person hurts himself."*  
Proverbs 11:17 (GW)

### HOW DO I BE MERCIFUL?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love." Ephesians 4:2 (TLB)*  
*"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. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it." Proverbs 3:27 (GNT)*  
*"[When you do] acts of mercy, show mercy with cheerfulness." Romans 12:8*

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"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. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"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. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(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. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to be his dinner guests, along with his fellow tax collectors and many other notorious sinners. The Pharisees were indignant. 'Why does your teacher eat with such scum?' they asked his disciples. When he heard this, Jesus replied, 'Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. Go learn the meaning of the Scripture, "I want you to be merciful; I don't want your sacrifices!" For I have come to call sinners, not those who think they are already good enough.'" Matthew 9:10-13 (NLT)*
7. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Another time Jesus was walking through some grain fields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, so they began to pick some grain and eat it. Some Pharisees saw this and protested, 'Your disciples are breaking God's law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath!' But Jesus said, 'Haven't you ever read what King David did when he and his soldiers were hungry? He went into the house of God, and they ate the holy bread reserved for the priests? . . . You would not have judged these innocent men if you knew the real meaning of the Scripture, "I want you to be merciful. I don't want your sacrifices!" For I am the Lord of the Sabbath!"  
Matthew 12:1-8 (NLT)*