

## YOU'RE NOT GOD *Practical Faith – Part 11*

**ON TV/OUTLINE** “9 To some who were extremely confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, He said this, ‘10 Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed, ‘God, I thank you that I’m not like the other people, the robbers and the evildoers and the adulterers or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ 13 But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God have mercy on me, a sinner.’ 14 Jesus said, ‘I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.’” Luke 18:9-14

**ON TV:** What word best describes your impression of the Christians you know?

**ON TV:** **JUDGMENTAL**

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? Jeremiah 17:9*

**ON TV:** What if we’re right, but we’re not loving?

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “For God so **LOVED** the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “I did not come into this world to **JUDGE** the world. I came to **SAVE IT**.” John 3:17

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “You must show **MERCY** to others, or God won’t show mercy to you when he judges you one day. But the person who shows mercy will stand without fear at the judgment. **MERCY TRIUMPHS OVER JUDGMENT!**” James 2:13

**ON TV:** Mercy is love in **ACTION**

**ON TV:** **WHY** does God expect me to show mercy to everyone?

**ON TV:** **HOW** does God expect me to show mercy to everyone?

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** #1: Because God **CONTINUALLY** shows me mercy.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “God is so rich in mercy, and he loves us so very much, that when we were spiritually dead and doomed because of our sins, **HE GAVE US A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST!**” Ephesians 2:4-5a

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “Shouldn’t **YOU** have mercy on others, just as I have shown mercy to you?” Matthew 18:33

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** #2: Because God wants me to become **LIKE HIM**

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “I don’t want your sacrifices! I want you to be merciful!” Hosea 6:6

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “God has clearly shown you what is good and how he expects you to live: You must **TREAT EVERYONE JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY AND WALK HUMBLY** before God.” Micah 6:8

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** #3: Because I need mercy to get into **HEAVEN**

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “If you **REFUSE TO FORGIVE** others, your Father in Heaven will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:15

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “You **MUST** show mercy to others, or God won’t show mercy to you when he judges you one day. But the person who shows mercy will stand without fear at the judgment. Mercy triumphs over judgment!” James 2:13

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “God **BLESSES** those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” Matthew 5:7

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** #4: Because being merciful is a remedy for **DEPRESSION**.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “**HAPPY** are the merciful, for they will be **SHOWN** mercy.” Matthew 5:7

**ON TV:** The more you help other people, the more you will succeed and the happier you will be.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"A merciful person helps himself, but a cruel person hurts himself."* Proverbs 11:17

**ON TV:** You get back in return what you sow in life.

**ON TV:** *"Your own soul is nourished when you are kind; when you're merciful."* Proverbs 11;17

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"AFTER JOB PRAYED FOR HIS FRIENDS, the Lord restored Job's wealth and happiness, giving him twice as much as before."* Job 42:10

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"You would not have judged these men if you really knew the Scripture that says, 'I want you to be merciful!'"* Matthew 12:7

**ON TV:** **HOW** does God expect me to show mercy to everyone?

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** #1: **FORGIVE** people when they mess up.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"When people sin, you should **FORGIVE** and comfort them, so they won't give up in despair."* 2 Corinthians 2:7

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"Forgive us our sins, just as we forgive those who have **SINNED AGAINST US.**"* Luke 11:4

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"Whoever **REFUSES** to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he **CONFESSES** and forsakes them, he gets another chance."* Proverbs 28:13

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** #2: Be patient with people's **QUIRKS**

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *Be patient with each other, **MAKING ALLOWANCE** for each other's faults because of your love."* Ephesians 4:2

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"**ACCEPT** one another just as Christ has **ACCEPTED** you. This brings glory to God!"* Romans 15:7

**ON TV:** *"The man who makes no allowances for others will find none made for him. You're going to **REAP** what you son in life."* James 2:13

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** #3: Show **RESPECT** to people you disagree with.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"Treat everyone you meet with **DIGNITY.**"* 1 Peter 2:17

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"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."* Ephesians 4:31-32a

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"Love your enemies and do good to them! Lend to them without expecting 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

**ON TV:** Mercy is giving people what they **NEED**, not what they deserve.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** #4: Help anyone who is **HURTING.**

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"Whenever you possibly can, **DO GOOD** to those who need it."* Proverbs 3:27

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"Jesus saved us, not because of good things we did, but because of **HIS MERCY.** He washed away our sins and gave us a new life."* Titus 3:5