

Keys to Blessings
Be Merciful
June 18, 2023

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have **set before you life and death**, blessings and curses. Now **choose life**, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For **the LORD is your life**, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Matthew 5:7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

Mercy is the giving of undeserved compassion or _____ to an enemy, offender, or other person in one’s power.

How can I practice being merciful?

- ✓ Remind ourselves how _____ God is to us.

Matthew 6:12 “And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

Ephesians 2:4-5 But God’s mercy is so abundant, and his love for us is so great, that while we were spiritually dead in our disobedience he brought us to life with Christ. It is by God’s grace that you have been saved.

- ✓ Remember, we will all face _____ one day.

Matthew 6:14-15 “For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, **your heavenly Father will also forgive you**. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

Matthew 18:33-35 “Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?” In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be **tortured**, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister **from your heart**.”

James 2:13 So you must show mercy to others, or God will not show mercy to you **when he judges you**. But the person who **shows mercy** can stand **without fear at the judgment**.

2 Corinthians 5:16-19 So **from now on** we regard no one from a worldly **point of view**. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, **if** anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the **ministry of reconciliation**: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

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We are called to show mercy. Who should I show mercy to?

1. To those who make _____.

Matthew 12:17-20 This fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah concerning him: “Look at my Servant, whom I have chosen. He is my Beloved, who **pleases me**...He will not **fight** or **shout** or **raise his voice** in public. He will not **crush the weakest reed** or put out a **flickering candle**...”

James 2:13 Mercy triumphs over judgment.

2. To those who let us _____.

Luke 23:34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Key Thought: Jesus was denied, betrayed, accused, rejected, abused, and humiliated.

Colossians 3:12-13 Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, **clothe yourselves** with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **Bear with each other** and forgive one another if any of you has a **grievance against someone**. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

3. To those _____ from God.

Matthew 9:10-13 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: **‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’** For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

4. To _____.

Psalms 38:4-8 I am **drowning in the flood of my sins**, they are a burden **too heavy to bear**. Because I have been foolish, I’m utterly **worn out** and **crushed**, my heart is **troubled**.

1 Timothy 1:13-15 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. The **grace** of our Lord was **poured out on me abundantly**, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that **deserves full acceptance**: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

Walk Away: I receive the _____ of God, so I can become a _____ of mercy to others.

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