

Luke 6:36 *“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” (Jesus)*

Mercy is...

<i>Compassion in action</i>	Luke 10: 36-37
<i>Actions addressing actual needs</i>	Matt. 25: 35-36
<i>Giving people what they <u>don't</u> deserve</i>	Hosea 6:6, Matt. 9:13

Mercy involves risk	Luke 10:25-37
Mercy doesn't require a crowd	

What does the LORD require of us?	Micah 6:8
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*“He has shown 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”*

A definition of **Biblical Justice** – When God's people are focused on caring for the vulnerable (the poor, orphans, and widows)

James 1:27 (NIV)

Justice is...

<i>Giving people their due</i>	Deut. 10:18
<i>Naming things correctly</i>	Isaiah 5:20
<i>Dealing with root causes (ask: “Why things are this way?”)</i>	
<i>Changing skewed systems</i>	

Justice works for change
Justice requires advocacy