



The Beatitudes Pt 5 Blessed are the Merciful

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

Mercy: compassionate or kindly _____ shown toward an offender, an enemy, or other person in one's power.

Mercy: not giving someone what they _____.

We've become great _____ of others' sin but great lawyers of our _____ ourselves how merciful God is to us.

Matthew 6:12 (NIV) "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

If we think we can earn God's forgiveness, we'll make others earn our forgiveness.

Ephesians 2:4-5 (GNT) 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.

The forgiven _____.

Remember, we will all _____ God one day.

Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV) "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 (TLB) "Shouldn't you have mercy on others, just as I had mercy on you?"

James 2:13 (NCV) 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.

Let's stand before God having _____ too much than having _____ too harshly.

Micah 6:8 (NIV) And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

2 Corinthians 5:16-19 (NIV) 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.

"To be a Christian means to forgive the _____ because God has forgiven the _____ in me." ~C.S. Lewis

We are called to show mercy...

1. To those who make _____.

Matthew 12:17-20 (NLT) 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 (NIV) Mercy triumphs over judgment.

2. To those who _____.

Luke 23:34 (NIV) Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

_____ was denied, betrayed, accused, rejected, abused, and humiliated.

Colossians 3:12-13 (NIV) 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.

"Unfaithfulness is wrong. Revenge is worse. But the worst part of all is that without forgiveness, _____ is all that is left."
~Max Lucado



3. We are called to show mercy to those _____. .

Jesus _____ before He corrected.

Matthew 9:10-13 (NIV) 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. We are called to show mercy to _____ .

Psalm 38:4-8 (NIV) 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.

Disappointment is the _____ between expectation and reality.

1 Timothy 1:13-15 (NIV) 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.