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Attitudes that should **Be** in every **Disciple**

PART 5

Blessed Are the Merciful

Matthew 5:7

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¹ When he saw the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to teach them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

- ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Mercy...

A simple way to understand it: Mercy is simply showing love that is not deserved.

It is undeserved love put into action.

Mercy Includes 3 Elements:

- 1. "I see the need."**
- 2. "I am moved by the need."**
- 3. "I move to meet the need that I see."**

A Parable About Mercy

²³ “For this reason, the kingdom of heaven can be compared to a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle accounts, one who owed ten thousand talents was brought before him. ²⁵ Since he did not have the money to pay it back, his master commanded that he, his wife, his children, and everything he had be sold to pay the debt.

²⁶ “At this, the servant fell facedown before him and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ Then the master of that servant had compassion, released him, and forgave him the loan.

²⁸ “That servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him, started choking him, and said, ‘Pay what you owe!’

²⁹ “At this, his fellow servant fell down and began begging him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ ³⁰ But he wasn’t willing. Instead, he went and threw him into prison until he could pay what

was owed. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had taken place, they were deeply distressed and went and reported to their master everything that had happened. ³² Then, after he had summoned him, his master said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³ Shouldn't you also have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And because he was angry, his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured until he could pay everything that was owed. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to you unless every one of you forgives his brother or sister from your heart."

Several lessons we learn from this parable:

- 1. Mercy implies a need that cannot be met.**
- 2. Mercy involves giving to someone who doesn't deserve it.**
- 3. Mercy imposes a loss upon the one who gives it.**

"...for they will be shown mercy."

Several lessons we learn from this parable:

4. Mercy imitates the character of God.

- *“Be imitators of God.” (Eph. 5:1)*
- *“²² for his mercies never end. ²³ They are new every morning.” (Lam. 3:22-23)*
- *“rich in mercy.” (Eph. 2:4)*
- *“his mercy is very great.” (1 Chron. 21:13)*
- *“The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.” (James 5:11)*