

Why is it so hard to be merciful to someone who deserves your wrath? How can you overcome your desire to strike out?

2. What traits does a merciful person have? What can you do to become more merciful?<sup>1</sup>

1. Look carefully and honestly into your own life. What kinds of things keep you from having a pure heart?

2. What can you do to continually ensure that your heart is pure?

3. In what ways does having a pure heart make you a better witness for Christ?<sup>2</sup>

1. How could you explain your relationship as an adopted child of God to an unbeliever? Explain it simply and briefly?

2. The believer who has been adopted by God has an abundance of special blessings. What are some of the benefits you appreciate the most? What are some of the benefits you think of most often? What are some of the benefits you tend to forget?<sup>3</sup>

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Think of your own life. How severe has your persecution been when compared to those who have been tortured and martyred? How would you have stood up to such persecution? Are you confident that the Lord is still in control when you are suffering some form of opposition? How can you be sure?

2. How prominent is slander against the church today? How can you and do you respond to such slander? What was the foundational conflict that the early Church had with Rome? How does that danger exist in the world today?<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Leadership Ministries Worldwide. (1994). [Matthew, Chapters 1–7](#) (Vol. 1, p. 115).

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<sup>2</sup> Leadership Ministries Worldwide. (1994). [Matthew, Chapters 1–7](#) (Vol. 1, p. 116).

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<sup>3</sup> Leadership Ministries Worldwide. (1994). [Matthew, Chapters 1–7](#) (Vol. 1, p. 118).

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<sup>4</sup> Leadership Ministries Worldwide. (1994). [Matthew, Chapters 1–7](#) (Vol. 1, p. 121).

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