Blessed Beyond Belief Sunday Feb.4, 2024 Pt.6 Showing MERCY

Matthew 5:7

1. The <u>Meaning</u> of MERCY

Mercy is <u>love</u> in <u>action</u>. Psalm 145:8

2. The Marks of MERCY

Question... How do I know if I'm a merciful person?

Four Marks of Mercy...

"If I am merciful...

⇒ 1st... I'll be p<u>atient</u> with those who are <u>different</u>.

1 Thess. 5:14 & Romans 15:7

 \Rightarrow 2nd... I'll forgive those who have <u>fallen</u>. Colossians 3:13

 \Rightarrow 3rd... I'll <u>help</u> those who are <u>hurting</u>. Prov. 3:27 & 1 John 3:17 -18 \Rightarrow 4th... I'll <u>do good</u> to my <u>enemies</u>. Luke 6:33, 35-36

3. The Motivation for Mercy

 \Rightarrow 1st... Because God has shown me mercy. Luke 6:36

⇒ 2nd... Because I'm going to need <u>more mercy</u> in the future.

James 2:13

 \Rightarrow 3rd... Because it makes me <u>happy</u>. Proverbs 11:17

How Do I Become a Merciful Person?

1st ... Experience the <u>mercy</u> of God for <u>yourself.</u>

2nd ... Start <u>looking</u> at people with the <u>eyes</u> of Jesus Christ.

- Christians we are going to be <u>judged</u> for how we <u>treat</u> other people.

 Matthew 25:35-36
- God's going to <u>ask</u> you how you <u>treated</u> other people.

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