

Be Rich—Unleashing Compassion Unleashing Mercy

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1 Timothy 6:17-18 - Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

¹⁸ **Command** them to **do good**, to be rich in **good deeds**, and to be generous and willing to share.

MERCY: The aspect of God's love that causes Him to help the miserable, just as grace is the aspect of His love that moves Him to forgive the guilty. Those who are miserable may be so either because of breaking God's law or because of circumstances beyond their control.

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To be marginalized means to be treated as unimportant, or powerless. To be marginalized means to be sidelined, overlooked, disregarded.

FIVE ACTIONS TO UNLEASH MERCY LIKE JESUS

Jesus Heals 2 Blind Guys – *Matthew 20:30-34*

1. _____ for the pain in people.

Matthew 20:29-31 - As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. ³⁰ Two blind men were **sitting by the roadside**, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they **shouted**, "Lord, Son of David, have

mercy on us!" ³¹ The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

Psalms 18:6 - In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.

Proverbs 21:13 - If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.

2. _____ whatever you're doing at that moment.

Matthew 20:32 - Jesus **stopped** and called them.

- If you want to be used by God, you must get used to being interrupted.

1 Corinthians 10:23-24 - "Everything is permissible"-but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible"-but not everything is constructive.

²⁴ Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.

Philippians 2:4-7 - Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

3. _____ past people's condition to see their value.

John 9:1-2 - As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Mark 10:21 - Jesus **looked** at him and loved him. "One thing you lack..."

Matthew 9:36 - When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them. . . .

4. _____ what they need. Don't assume you know.

Matthew 20:32-33 - "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.³³ "Lord," they answered, "we want our sight."

5. _____ whatever you can to help.

Matthew 20:34 - Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

