

# BE RICH 2019

## Priorities of Jesus: Mercy

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*1 Timothy 6:17-19* - 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.

<sup>18</sup> Command them to **do** good, to be rich in **good deeds**, and to be **generous** and **willing to share**. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

*Acts 1:8* - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- Mercy is one of our greatest ways to witness to people around us.

*Luke 6:36* - Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

### How can I be more merciful?

1. Start \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for people's needs.

*Philippians 2:4* - Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

2. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ by their sins.

*Jude 22-23* - Be helpful to all who may have **doubts**.<sup>23</sup> **Rescue** any who need to be saved, as you would rescue someone from a fire. Then with **fear in your own hearts**, have mercy on everyone who needs it. But **hate** even the clothes of those who have been made dirty by their filthy deeds.

*1 Peter 4:8-9* - Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.<sup>9</sup> Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

**Principle: Don't expect unbelievers to act like \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Matthew 9:10-13* - While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples.<sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"<sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick."<sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

3. Value seeing people come to \_\_\_\_\_ over keeping \_\_\_\_\_.

- Jesus defended His disciples eating grain on the Sabbath. (Matthew 12:1-8)

*Matthew 23:23* - "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices – mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law – justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former."

## Places to Show Mercy

1. Look for people in a \_\_\_\_\_.

*Galatians 6:2* - Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

2. Look for people with \_\_\_\_\_ needs and help them.

*Romans 15:2-3* - We should think of their good and try to help them by doing what pleases them. <sup>3</sup> Even Christ did not try to please himself.

3. Look for people who are \_\_\_\_\_ and comfort them.

*2 Corinthians 1:3-4* - Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

4. Look for people needing \_\_\_\_\_ and show hospitality.

*Romans 12:13* - Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

5. Look for people who need a \_\_\_\_\_.