

# Blessed: Attitude #5 - Live With Intentional Mercy!

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**Matthew 5:7**, *Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*

#### Parable Of The Unmerciful Servant

(Matthew 18:21-35)

**Matthew 18:33**, *Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?'*

#### Why Is Intentional Mercy So Important?

##### -God COMMANDS Us To Be Merciful

**Micah 6:8**, *He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to **love mercy** and to walk humbly with your God.*

**Hosea 6:6**, *For I desire **mercy**, not sacrifice...*

##### -God Has Granted Us SO MUCH MERCY

**1 Peter 1:3**, *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His **great mercy** He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

**1 Peter 2:9**, *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him Who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; **once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.***

## **-Mercy Is My PERSONAL TESTIMONY**

**1 Timothy 1:13**, *Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was **shown mercy** because I acted in ignorance and unbelief... **16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy** so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His immense patience as an example for those who would believe in Him and receive eternal life.*

## **-Being Merciful Keeps Us From Being HYPOCRITES**

**Matthew 23:23**, *"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, **you hypocrites!** You give a tenth of your spices... 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.*

## **-Being Merciful Makes Us Better WITNESSES**

**Jude 1:22**, *Be merciful to those who doubt...*

## **-Mercy Is Better Than JUDGMENT**

**James 2:12**, *Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, 13 because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. **Mercy triumphs over judgment.***

## **Putting Intentional Mercy Into Practice This Week:**

### **1 - Reach Out To Someone Who is HEARTBROKEN**

**Proverbs 3:27**, ***Do not withhold good** from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.*

**Romans 12:8**, *If it is to encourage, then give encouragement... if it is to show **mercy**, do it cheerfully.*

### **2 - Give Someone Who Hurt You ANOTHER CHANCE**

**Ephesians 4:31**, *Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be **kind** and compassionate to one another, **forgiving each other, just as in***

***Christ God forgave you.***

**Romans 12:17**, *Do not repay anyone evil for evil... 20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

### **3 - Be Patient With Those Who Drive YOU NUTS**

**Ephesians 4:2**, *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

**Proverbs 11:17**, *Those who are kind benefit themselves, but the cruel bring ruin on themselves.*

### **4 - Befriend Someone Others Might WRITE OFF**

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

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