

A Call to Love Mercy

*“Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive Mercy”
(Mathew 5:7)*

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Mercy:

Compassionate **treatment** of
or **attitude** towards
an offender, adversary
who is in one's power or care, clemency,
pity...

Dictionary definition

Mercy & Grace:

GRACE is giving **to** us
favor we do not deserve,

MERCY is taking from us
punishment we rightfully deserve.

*"But **go and learn** what this means:
'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.'
For I did not come to call the righteous,
but sinners, to repentance.*

Mathew 9:13 (ESV)

“Mercy is **kindness** exercised towards the miserable, and includes pity, compassion, forbearance, and gentleness, which the scriptures so abundantly ascribe to God.”

Charles Hodges - Systematic Theology 417

Showing mercy to people who have made mistakes, **changes** their lives.

Rick Warren

Show mercy because...

1. God has been merciful to you.

God wants us to treat others in the same way that He has treated us.

(Ephesians 2:4-5)

Show mercy because...

1. God has been merciful to you.

2. God has commanded you to.

- *Learn to be merciful because He is merciful*
- *The response of a godly heart is outward (do justice), inward (love mercy), and upward (walk humbly)*

(Micah 6:6-8)

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1. God has been merciful to you.
2. God has commanded you to.
3. **You will need more mercy in the future.**
 - *It is not those who have kept more laws that get to enter into heaven, rather those who have shown others mercy they experienced*

(James 2:12-13)

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4. **It causes happiness.**

- *Kindness makes others happier in life, freeing them from bondages of the past shapes their world.*

(Proverbs 14:21)

1. Be patient with people who irritate you.
2. Help someone who's hurting around you.
3. Give someone a second chance this week
4. Do good to those who hurt
5. Be kind to those who offend you
6. Build a bridge with someone unpopular
7. Value relationships over rules.