

“The Recipe for True Happiness: Mercifulness”

Matthew 5:7

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I. The Definition of Mercy

Hebrews 2:17 “Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.”

Colossians 3:12-13 “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.”

Luke 6:36 “**Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.**”

II. The Dimensions of Mercy

- a. Mercy Sees the Need
- b. Mercy Responds with Compassion
- c. Mercy Acts with Effort

III. The Difficulties with Showing Mercy

Luke 6:36 “**Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.**”

Psalms 103:11 “For as the heaven is high above the earth, *so* great is his mercy toward them that fear him.”

IV. The Decree of Mercy

2 Samuel 22:26 “With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful, and with the upright man thou wilt show thyself upright.”

Matthew 6:14-15 “**For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: ¹⁵ But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**”

V. The Discharge of Mercy

- a. We Must Look for Opportunities
- b. We Must Respond with Compassion
- c. We Must Act with Works

Matthew 5:14-16 “**Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**”

D.L. Moody “We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won’t need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don’t fire cannons to call attention to their shining-they just shine.”