

Attitude Check
Blessed are the Merciful
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Key Verse of the Day

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

Key Thought of the Day

How do we find a blessing in the _____ of mercy?

"The quality of mercy is not strained. It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blest: It blesseth him that gives it and him that receives. It is mightiest in the mighty; it becomes the throne of the monarch better than the crown." William Shakespeare

Mercy Defined

The Greek root word for "mercy" used in Matthew 5:7 is "eleos", it means, "to _____ the afflicted, to _____ the wretched, to _____ the miserable."

Two ways "eleos" is demonstrated in the Bible.

1. A _____ shown to someone in need.
2. A _____ withheld from a guilty person.

Grab This!

There is a difference between someone who _____ acts of mercy and someone who _____ a merciful life.

"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. Matthew 18:23-34 NIV

Don't miss the mercy that God has granted you, because when you understand that mercy, it ought to lead to a _____.

Why do some people struggle with living a merciful life?

1. _____ — They don't truly fathom the mercy God has granted them.

Pride brings a person low, but the lowly in spirit gain honor. Proverbs 29:23 NIV

We find blessing in the demonstration of mercy when we first understand _____ in our life.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... Romans 3:23 NIV

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Psalm 40:2-3 NIV

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 NIV

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13 NLT

Why do some people struggle with living a merciful life?

2. _____ — People who are stuck in shame.

And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. Hebrews 10:21-22 NLT

Merciful lives...

- ..._____ the mercy God extended to them.
- ...always _____ through the lens of the mercy they received from God.
- ...seek to demonstrate _____.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19 NIV

Matthew 25:31-46

- ...freely extend _____.
- ...live with _____.

The Bottom Line

We can't give mercy, if we haven't truly _____ mercy.

You are blessed... You are happy... You are fortunate... if you are merciful, because it means you have truly received _____. — Jesus