

## We Are Called to a Ministry of Mercy

### Living a Life of Blessing - Part 5

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**Matthew 5:7 (NLT)** God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

#### I should be merciful to others because...

1. **God has been** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 2:4-5 (GNT)** But God's mercy is so abundant, and his love for us is so great, that while we were spiritually dead in our disobedience he brought us to life with Christ. It is by God's grace that you have been saved.

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

2. **God calls me** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Micah 6:8 (NLT)** No, o people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

3. **I need mercy,** \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 2:13 (NLT)** There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you.

#### Ok! How?

1. **Be patient with** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)** Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

**"People are weird and I'm a people."**

2. **Help those around you** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 3:27 (GNT)** Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it.

3. **Give others a** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 4:31-32 (CEV)** Stop being bitter and angry and mad at others. Don't yell at one another or curse each other or ever be rude. Instead, be kind and merciful, and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ.

4. **Do good to those who have** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 6:35-36 (NIV)** But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

5. **Show love to** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 9:10-13 (NLT)** Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?" When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do." Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."