

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING GET WHAT YOU GIVE

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

How do I practically show this mercy?

1. Be patient with those who are different from me.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NIV) And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

Romans 15:7 (NIV) Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

2. Be forgiving to those who have let me down.

Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIV) Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Psalms 145:8 (MSG) God is all mercy and grace not quick to anger, is rich in love.

Micah 6:8 (NIV) 8 He has showed you, O man, 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.

3) Be helpful to those who are hurting.

Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.

Matthew 25:35-40 (NIV) For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you

clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

1 John 3:17-18(NIV) If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

Galatians 6:10 (NIV) Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people.

4) Be good to my enemies.

Luke 6:35-36 (NIV) Love your enemies, do what is good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is gracious to the ungrateful and evil. Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Two reasons to show mercy:

A. Because God has been merciful to me.

B. Because showing mercy returns MERCY.

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

Proverbs 11:17-18 (MSG) When you're kind to others, you help yourself; when you're cruel to others, you hurt yourself. Bad work gets paid with a bad check; good work gets solid pay.