

# The Teachings of Jesus

## Blessed Are The Merciful

### Matthew 5:7

#### Introduction

The people Jesus describes in this passage have a different character and lifestyle than those still "outside the kingdom." Believers who make a significant impact for God in our world have to be different from it.

1. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ to know your sins are forgiven.
2. There is a quiet \_\_\_\_\_ about a person filled with God's Spirit.
3. God places a great emphasis on \_\_\_\_\_ as a part of genuine Christian behavior.
4. Jesus is a perfect \_\_\_\_\_ of what He asks of us in the Beatitudes.
5. Jesus is the perfect example of one who is \_\_\_\_\_ in spirit.
6. He also sets an example for us in \_\_\_\_\_.
7. He demonstrates \_\_\_\_\_ by submitting to His Father's will.
8. His hunger and thirst for righteousness are so great that he often calls out the hypocrisy and inconsistencies of the scribes and \_\_\_\_\_ right in front of them.
9. In this fifth Beatitude, Jesus again sets the example of \_\_\_\_\_.

#### I. Being Merciful

10. Many times, the Gospels state that Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_ for the crowds.
11. Mercy is one of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Being merciful is \_\_\_\_\_ for someone who is wrong and deserves judgment.
13. It is seeing the potential for good and allowing a person the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_.

14. Mercy is the strength of character that would show kindness to those who would \_\_\_\_\_ us if they could.
15. It is caring for those who \_\_\_\_\_ us and belittle us without cause.
16. Some believers have no \_\_\_\_\_ at all.

## II. Receiving Mercy

17. Mercy is not compatible with a \_\_\_\_\_ attitude.
18. Mercy is not a weak-kneed \_\_\_\_\_ to sin.
19. It is a caring concern that attempts to right the wrong without regard for the personal \_\_\_\_\_ involved.
20. Only those who can admit their \_\_\_\_\_ have a remote chance of receiving mercy.
21. In the end, the hatred of Jesus' generation to Jesus became so strong that they finally \_\_\_\_\_ him.
22. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for the self-righteous ones who wanted him dead.
23. Sometimes, those who recognize and understand the depths of \_\_\_\_\_ are the best at showing mercy.
24. It always comes from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, who is merciful.
25. Because of God's mercy, Jesus willingly offers himself as the sacrificial \_\_\_\_\_ for the sins of the world.
26. The justice of God must be \_\_\_\_\_.
27. Obtaining mercy requires humility and true \_\_\_\_\_.
28. God is \_\_\_\_\_ towards the sinner, but He is tough on the sin.
29. The merciful take time to \_\_\_\_\_ why people behave the way they do and then take steps to help them correct those ways.

### III. The Blessing of Mercy

30. He calls upon us to \_\_\_\_\_ mercy before others.
31. It means we are frank and honest about confronting sinful behavior, but instead of passing judgment, we care enough to bring others to God and let them \_\_\_\_\_ his mercy through us.
32. The blessing for the merciful is they hear the words of God and, in the end, \_\_\_\_\_ His mercy.

### Conclusion

33. The merciful have no sympathy at all for sin and never \_\_\_\_\_ it up from view.
34. \_\_\_\_\_ is a condition that precedes the exercise of mercy.

The exercise of mercy has always been God's intention, and thank God, it is still present reality. Mercy is the virtue behind God's plan of redemption. The manifestation of God's mercy confounds Satan. Satan's plan to overthrow the Kingdom of Heaven by introducing sin into our world will, in the end, only serve to strengthen it because we have obtained the blessing of God's mercy!

### Answers

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| 1. joy        | 13.change         | 25.lamb          |
| 2. gentleness | 14.kill           | 26.satisfied     |
| 3. mercy      | 15.dislike        | 27.repentance    |
| 4. example    | 16.patience       | 28.compassionate |
| 5. poor       | 17.self-righteous | 29.understand    |
| 6. mourning   | 18.indifference   | 30.demonstrate   |
| 7. meekness   | 19.cost           | 31.experience    |
| 8. Pharisees  | 20.fault          | 32.obtain        |
| 9. mercy      | 21.killed         | 33.cover         |
| 10.compassion | 22.pleads         | 34.Guilt         |
| 11.attributes | 23.sin            |                  |
| 12.caring     | 24.abundance      |                  |

## QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. Do people see you as merciful and forgiving, or are you more of the grudge-bearing pit bull variety? What leads people to that conclusion? What can you do to be seen as more merciful?
2. How many times have you turned up your nose at those who disagree with you or oppose you because they think differently than you do? Can you think of a specific time where this happened? How should you have acted and what can you do to act better in the future?
3. God is compassionate towards the sinner, but He is tough on the sin. Why is this so difficult? Do you struggle more with excusing the sin of others or with not allowing others to repent and overcoming sins? Why? What can you do to help allow people to recognize God's Holy standard but not always seeing people as guilty of their past mistakes?