

A FAITH THAT MAKES ME MORE MERCIFUL & LESS JUDGMENTAL

A Faith That Works When Life Doesn't
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"You must show mercy to others, or God won't show mercy to you when he judges you one day. But the person who shows mercy will stand without fear at the judgment. MERCY TRIUMPHS OVER JUDGMENT!" James 2:13 (NCV)

Mercy = Love in action

WHY DOES GOD EXPECT ME TO SHOW MERCY TO EVERYONE?

1. BECAUSE GOD _____

"God is so rich in mercy, and he loves us so very much, that when we were spiritually dead and doomed because of our sins, he gave us a new life in Christ!"

Ephesians 2:4-5

"Shouldn't you have mercy on others, just as I have shown mercy to you?"

Matthew 18:33

2. BECAUSE GOD _____

"I don't want your sacrifices! I want you to be merciful!" Hosea 6:6

"God has clearly shown you what is good and how he expects you to live: You must treat everyone justly, love mercy and walk humbly before God." Micah 6:8

3. BECAUSE _____

Jesus: "If you refuse to forgive others, your Father in Heaven will not forgive your sins." Matthew 6:15 (NLT)

"God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Matthew 5:7

4. BECAUSE _____

Jesus: "Happy are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Matthew 5:7 (TLB)

"A merciful person helps himself, but a cruel person hurts himself."

Proverbs 11:17 (GW)

"After Job prayed for his friends, the Lord restored Job's wealth and happiness, giving him twice as much as before (his crisis)." Job 42:10 (TLB)

Jesus told the Pharisees: "You would not have JUDGED these men if you really knew the Scripture that says, 'I want you to be MERCIFUL!'" Matthew 12:7

HOW DOES GOD EXPECT ME TO SHOW MERCY TO EVERYONE?

1. _____

"When people sin, you should forgive and comfort them, so they won't give up in despair." 2 Corinthians 2:7 (CEV)

"Forgive us our sins, just as we forgive those who have sinned against us."

Luke 11:4 (NLT)

"Whoever refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance." Proverbs 28:13 (TLB)

2. _____

"Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love." Ephesians 4:2 (TLB)

"Accept one another just as Christ has accepted you. This brings glory to God!"

Romans 15:7 (NLT)

3. _____

"Treat EVERYONE you meet with dignity." 1 Peter 2:17 (The Message)

"Don't get bitter or angry or use harsh words that hurt each other. Don't yell at one another or curse or ever be rude. Instead, be kind and merciful."

Ephesians 4:31-32 (CEV)

Jesus: "LOVE your enemies and DO GOOD to them! Lend to them without expecting anything back. Then YOUR REWARD will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because God is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Luke 6:35-36 (NIV)

4. _____

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

"Jesus saved us, not because of good things we did, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins and gave us a new life." Titus 3:5 (NLT)

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