

BE MERCIFUL

Matthew 5:7

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I. REVIEW

II. INTRODUCTION

- A. Contrary to culture in Jesus' day
- B. Contrary to the culture in our day
- C. What we are called to
 - 1. **Luke 6:36** - Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
 - 2. **Zechariah 7:9** - "This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another.'
 - 3. **Micah 6:8** - 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.

III. WHAT IS MERCY

- A. Mercy vs. Grace
 - 1. Grace is getting a gift we _____
 - 2. Mercy is not getting the _____ we do deserve
 - 3. Mercy is the compassion and kindness shown to someone whom it is in your power to punish or harm.
 - 4. Mercy is an act meant to help someone in their suffering.
- B. Characteristic of _____
 - 1. **Ephesians 2:4** - ...God who is rich in mercy
 - 2. **Exodus 34:6** - The LORD passed in front of Moses, calling out, "Yahweh! The LORD! The God of compassion and mercy!"
- C. Characteristic of _____

IV. TWO PARABLES ON MERCY

- A. Parable of Good Samaritan – **Luke 10:25-37**
 - 1. Mercy is more than _____
 - 2. Mercy is more than _____
 - 3. Mercy is _____
 - 4. Mercy is _____
 - 5. Mercy is not based on _____

B. Parable of Unmerciful Servant – **Matthew 18:21-35**

- 1. Mercy is meant to _____
- 2. Mercy flows out of the _____ of what Jesus has done for you
 - a. Focusing on what Jesus has done _____ you and not what others have done _____ you

V. I DESIRE MERCY NOT SACRIFICE

- A. **Hosea 6:6** - For I desire mercy, not sacrifice and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings
- B. **Matthew 9:13** - But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.
- C. **Matthew 12:7** - If you had known what these words mean, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent.
- D. What does Jesus mean?
 - 1. They had removed their heart from worship
 - 2. Jesus values acts of _____ as much as he values _____ activity
 - 3. Mercy comes from the heart, without the heart, religious activities degrade into legalism & judgment
 - 4. **Matthew 23:23**
 - 5. Being & doing Christian activities doesn't _____ from showing mercy to those who hurt you

VI. ENEMIES OF SHOWING MERCY

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____

VII. CONCLUSION

- A. Warning
 - 1. **James 2:13** - because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!
 - 2. May we be people of mercy
 - 3. One of the most tangible, visible ways to be like Jesus: to be merciful to people around you