

## RED LETTERS #5: YOU GET WHAT YOU GIVE

Matthew 5:7 (Ph) "Happy are the merciful, for they will have mercy shown to them!"

### 1. The Meaning of Mercy

"Mercy" is \_\_\_\_\_

"God is kind and merciful, slow to get angry, and full of love." Ps. 145:8 (LB)

### 2. The Marks of Mercy. If I am Merciful ...

\* I'll \_\_\_\_\_ with those who are peculiar.

"... Encourage the timid, help the weak, and be patient with everyone." I Thess. 5:14  
Rom 15:7

\* I'll \_\_\_\_\_ those who have fallen

"Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others." Col. 3:13 (LB)

\* I'll \_\_\_\_\_ those who are hurting.

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

"If someone who is supposed to be a Christian has enough money to live well, and sees a brother in need but won't help him -- how can God's love be in him?"

Let's stop just saying we love people ... let's show it by our actions!" I John 3:17-18 (LB)

"Be merciful to those who doubt." Judge 1:24

\* I'll \_\_\_\_\_ to my enemies.

"If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that! . . . But love your enemies, do good to them ... then your reward will be great ... Be merciful, just as your Father is!" Luke 6:33, 35-36

### 3. The Motive for Mercy

\* Because \_\_\_\_\_

Matt. 18:3 (LB)

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"The man who makes no allowances for others will find none made for him." James 2:13  
(Ph)

\* Because \_\_\_\_\_

"Your own soul is nourished when you are kind; it is destroyed when you are cruel." Pr. 11:17 (LB)