

## PREMEDITATED MERCY

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

### WHY BE MERCIFUL TO OTHERS?

#### 1. GOD HAS SHOWN ME MERCY.

*“God’s mercy is so abundant, and His love for us is so great that while we were spiritually dead in our disobedience, He brought us to life with Christ. It is by God’s grace you have been saved.”*  
Ephesians 2:4-5

*“Shouldn’t you have mercy on others, just as I had mercy on you?”*  
Matthew 18:33 (NLT)

#### 2. GOD COMMANDS ME TO BE MERCIFUL.

*“God has told you what is good and what He requires from you... To do what is right with others, to love being merciful to others, and to live humbly in fellowship with God.”* Micah 6:8

*“I don’t want your sacrifices! I want you to be merciful!”*  
Hosea 6:6

#### 3. I’M GOING TO NEED MORE MERCY IN THE FUTURE.

*“You must show mercy to others, or God won’t show mercy to you . . . But the person who shows mercy can stand without fear at the judgment.”*  
James 2:13 (NCV)

#### 4. SHOWING MERCY BRINGS HAPPINESS.

*“If you want to be happy, be kind to those in need; it is a sin to despise anyone!”*  
Proverbs 14:21 (TEV)

*“A merciful person helps himself, but a cruel person hurts himself.”* Proverbs 11:17 (GW)

## HOW DO I BE MERCIFUL?

#### 1. BE PATIENT WITH PEOPLE’S QUIRKS.

*“Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.”* Ephesians 4:2 (LB)

*“The man who makes no allowances for others will find none made for him.”*  
James 2:13

*“The wisdom that comes from heaven is pure, peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. Wisdom is full of mercy...”*  
James 3:17 (NLT)

#### 2. HELP ANYONE HURTING AROUND ME.

*“Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it.”*  
Proverbs 3:27 (TEV)

*“...show mercy with cheerfulness.”*  
Romans 12:8

#### 3. GIVE PEOPLE A SECOND CHANCE.

*“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, and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ.”*  
Ephesians 4:31-32 (CEV)

#### 4. DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO HURT ME.

*“Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.”*  
Luke 6:35 (NIV)

#### 5. BUILD BRIDGES OF LOVE TO THE UNPOPULAR.

*“Matthew invited Jesus and His disciples to be his dinner guests, along with his fellow tax collectors and many other notorious sinners. The Pharisees were indignant. ‘Why does your teacher eat with such scum?’ they asked His disciples. When He heard*

*this, Jesus replied, 'Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. Go learn the meaning of the Scripture, "I want you to be merciful; I don't want your sacrifices!" For I have come to call sinners, not those who think they are already good enough.'*

Matthew 9:10-13 (NLT)