

**I practice mercy by _____ joys,
and by helping _____ burdens.**

*Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.
Romans 12:10 (NASB)*

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. I Peter 4:8-10 (NIV)

I practice mercy by honoring the _____.
*Mercy and truth are met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Psalm 85:10 (KJV)*

**I practice mercy by _____ to hold
others to unreasonable _____.**
The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. ¹⁴ For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust. Psalm 103:13-14 (NLT)

**I practice mercy to anyone who has
_____ me.**
Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32 (NLT)

**I practice mercy to those not yet in the
_____.**
Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives. Jude 1:23 (NLT)

*Surely goodness and lovingkindness (mercy) will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
Psalm 23:6 (NASB)*

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Principle 1
Realize I'm not God. I admit I am powerless to control my tendency to do wrong things and my life is unmanageable.

Principle 2
Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to him, and that he has the power to help me recover.

Principle 3
Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ care and control.

Principle 4
Openly examine and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust.

Principle 5
Voluntarily submit to any and all changes God wants to make in my life and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects.

Principle 6
Evaluate all my relationships. Offer forgiveness to those have who hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others when possible, except when to do so would harm them or others.

*Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy. Matthew 5:7 (NIV)*

MERCY: The act of sparing or the forbearance of a violent act expected. (not giving what is deserved); Kindness or good will towards the miserable and the afflicted, joined with a desire to help them; Compassionate treatment of those in distress.
(Translated: lovingkindness; compassion; favor, faithful love; pity)

God is _____.

...“The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.” Exodus 34:6a (NIV)
(Nehemiah 9:17; Psalm 86:15; 103:8; 145:8; Joel 2:13; Jonah 4:2)

So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. Luke 15:20 (NIV)

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ...Ephesians 2:4, 5a (NIV)

Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. Hebrews 2:17 (NLT)

Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. II Corinthians 1:3-4 (NASB)

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. ¹³Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. II Timothy 1:12-14 (NIV)

_____ is merciful.

He has shown you, O mortal, 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. Micah 6:8 (NIV)

When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” Matthew 9:11-13 (NIV)

“Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’ ³⁶“Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked. ³⁷The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.” Luke 10:33-37 (NIV)

I practice mercy to those with material _____.

But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? I John 3:17 (NASB)

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ Matthew 24:40 (NLT)

“Mercy is getting down on your hands and knees and doing something to restore dignity to someone whose life has been broken by sin. (The Samaritan) did not deal with the cause of the man’s need by chasing the robbers...(and) he did not complain about the failure of society to meet the man’s need...The Samaritan addressed the immediate need set before him and did what he could to bring relief.” (Sinclair Ferguson)

I practice mercy to those who may be in a spiritual _____.

Keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. ²²Be merciful to those who doubt; Jude 1:21-22 (NIV)