

CONFIRMATION

“Being Care-FULL”

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Text: Matthew 5:7

“⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

Before looking at the quality of being merciful, a needed review of...

RESENTMENT –

- Resentment – It’s when you let your _____ become _____.
- Resentment – It’s when you allow what is eating you to _____
_____.
- Resentment - It’s when you _____, stoke, _____, and fan the fire, stirring the flames and reliving the pain.
- Resentment – A deliberate _____ to nurse the offense until it becomes a black, furry, growing grudge.
- Resentment – It’s the cocaine of the emotions.

And mercy.....mercy is the choice that can set them all free. *“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy.”*

MERCY –

A). A D_____ TO PERFORM

As we come to this fifth “BEATITUDE,” you will notice that the remaining beatitudes take on a horizontal, people-to-people aspect.

We extend mercy to others in a variety of ways:

- We P _____ & W _____ FOR THE LOST.
- We A _____ THOSE WITH NO RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST.
- We SHARPLY R _____ THOSE DEAR ONES LIVING IN SIN.
- By P _____ FOR THEM...BY NAME.
- We EXTEND G _____ THROUGH ACTION.

Some don’t understand this....

“²¹Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.

²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’

³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.” (Matthew 18:21-35 - ESV)

MERCY –

B). A R_____ ONE RECEIVES - “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy.”

Those who extend mercy will be rewarded in this life. They will be blessed...

In their C _____/REPUTATION

In N _____

In their PRESENT C _____

In their C _____

BONUS!!! Those who extend mercy will also be rewarded...

In the life to come.

MERCY –

C). THE DIVINE TEMPLATE

Mercy has its origin in God. **The Mercy Seat is the very throne of God.**