



THE **MIRACLE OF MERCY**

“Being an Agent of Mercy in the World”

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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8, (NLT)

In a mean world, our
greatest witness is
showing mercy.

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Show mercy to others, just
as your Father shows mercy
to you.

Luke 6:36

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1. Start looking and listening for
people's needs

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Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. "There is still one thing you haven't done," he told him.

"Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

Mark 10:21

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2. Don't be offended by their sins

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Show mercy to those whose faith is wavering.
Rescue others by snatching them from the
flames of judgment.

There are still others to whom you need to
show mercy, but be careful that you aren't
contaminated by their sins.

Jude 1:22-23
New Living Translation

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3. Don't expect unbelievers
to act like believers
until they are!

That night Matthew invited Jesus to dinner with his fellow tax collectors and many other ‘notorious sinners.’ The Pharisees were indignant. ‘Why does your Teacher eat with such scum?’ they asked....

Matthew 9:10-13

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... When Jesus heard this, He said, 'Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do!'

Then He added, 'Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to be merciful, not offer sacrifices!' For I've come to invite sinners to me, not those who think they are righteous.'

Matthew 9:10-13

4. Choose my words carefully

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Do not say harmful things, but say what people need – words that will help others become stronger. Then what you say will do good to those who listen to you.

Ephesians 4:29
New Century Version

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
New Living Translation

5. Value saving people over
keeping rules

You Pharisees are careful to tithe 10% of every part of your income, but then you ignore other important matters of God's Law—justice, and showing mercy, and faith.

Yes, you should tithe!
But you also shouldn't neglect the more important things!

Matthew 23:23

Carry each other's burdens,
and in this way, you will
fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2
New International Version

God will not forget the work
you've done and the love
you've shown Him by caring for
and helping other people.

Hebrews 6:10

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