

# ABUNDANT LIFE ATTITUDES

~ A Study of Matthew 5:3-10 ~

## “Blessed are the merciful”

Matthew 5:7

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

*Matthew 5:7 (NIV)*

- God’s Rich Mercy

- His Name and Nature

*“Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth.”*

*Exodus 34:5-6 (NKJV)*

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.”*

*II Corinthians 1:3 (NASB)*

- His mercy to men and women

*“It is of the LORD’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”*

*Lamentations 3:22-23 (KJV)*

*“But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him.”*

*Psalms 103:17a (NKJV)*

Grace is God generously \_\_\_\_\_ us what we  
\_\_\_\_\_ deserve. Mercy is God compassionately  
\_\_\_\_\_ what we \_\_\_\_\_ deserve.

- God’s mercy in Christ

*“But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).”*

*Ephesians 2:4-5 (NASB)*

- Have you truly received God’s mercy?

- The story of the unmerciful servant – Matthew 18:21-35

- The benefits of being merciful

*“The merciful man does good for his own soul, but he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.”*

*Proverbs 11:17 (NKJV)*

*“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”*

*Luke 6:36-38 (NIV)*

- Personal Evaluation...

- *Who do I need to be merciful to? Who do I need to pardon and release?*

- *How can I share the mercy of Christ here in our community or possibly on the mission field?*



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