

**Title: “You Can’t Give Away  
What You Don’t Have, and You  
Can’t Keep It if You Don’t Give  
It Away”**

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**Matthew 5:7 “Blessed Are The Merciful, For They Will Be Shown Mercy”**

## **SUMMARY:**

Showing **“Mercy”** is Beatitude # 5 of 8! Mercy is a part of God’s very own nature. He expects mercy from his people. Micah 6:8 says, “What does God require of you? But to love mercy, to do justice, and walk humbly with your God.” All our **“Churchy Good Deeds”** don’t measure up with God the way giving mercy to an undeserving person does. We need to be aware of, and know that we ourselves have been recipients of mercy on many occasions. Then, and only then can we truly give mercy in return. If we accept the fact God continually pours out His mercy on us, then we can’t help but be His conduits of that same Mercy flowing out of us! The reverse is also true, if all we drink in is condemnation from the law. All that will flow from us then, is harshness, bitterness, and hate towards others. Luke 7:34-50 gives us 3 wonderful examples of our ‘potential’ responses to mercy! (Question: Which one fits you best?)

## **NOTES:**

## **DISCUSSION POINTS:**

### **Introductory Question:**

- Do you consider yourself a person who shows mercy? Why or why not?
- Which people in your life do you find it most difficult to be merciful toward?
- In what practical ways can you demonstrate God’s mercy in your home, work, or local community?

## **APPLICATION:**

- Be intentional in showing mercy to at least one undeserving person a day for the next week. (see what happens)
- Share what happened next week at your table in one instance of showing mercy to an undeserving person.
- Write a note or send a card of mercy to someone you’ve been angry or resentful towards for awhile!

## **ON YOUR OWN...**

### **Please Read & Meditate On The Word:**

Matt. 6:12-15 & 18: 21-35  
Luke 6:36 & Ch. 7:34-50  
Rms. 9:15  
Hos. 6:6  
Psm. 86:15, 25:6  
Ex. 33:19