

# Magnificent Mercy

## Agents of Mercy

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"You will be my witnesses..." Acts 1:8 (NLT)

"The man replied, "I don't know if he is a sinner or not. All I know is that I used to be blind, but now I can see!" John 9:25 (CEV)

"Show mercy, just as your Father shows mercy." Luke 6:36 (NCV)

## Making Mercy your Mission

### 1. Looking & Listening \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 2:4 (NLT) – "Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too."

Mark 10:21 (MSG) – "Jesus looked him hard in the eye—and loved him!"

### 2. Overlooking \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 19:7 (NLT) – "But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled."

Matthew 9:10 (NLT) – "Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners."

Luke 7:34 (TLB) – "But I eat my food and drink my wine, and you say, 'What a glutton Jesus is! And he drinks! And has the lowest sort of friends!'"

Jude 1:22-23 (NLT/TLB) – "You must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. Save some by snatching them as from the very flames of hell itself. And as for others, help them to find the Lord by being kind to them, but be careful that you yourselves aren't pulled along into their sins."

1 Peter 4:8 (TLB) – "Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love makes up for many faults." (ICB) "Love has a way of not looking at others' sins."

Ephesians 4:2 (TLB) – "Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love."

Don't expect \_\_\_\_\_ to act  
like \_\_\_\_\_ until they \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 9:10-13 (NLT) – "Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?" 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 show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.""

### 3. Communicating \_\_\_\_\_.

Colossians 4:6 (GW) – "Everything you say should be kind and well thought out so that you know how to answer everyone."

Ephesians 4:29 (NCV) – "When you talk, 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."

James 3:17 (NLT) – "The wisdom from above is pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds."

Proverbs 19:11 (NIV) – "A person's wisdom yields patience..."

### 4. Prioritizing \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 12:7 (CEV) – "Don't you know what the Scriptures mean when they say, 'Instead of offering sacrifices to me, I want you to be merciful to others?' If you knew what this means, you would not condemn these innocent disciples of mine."

Matthew 23:23 (TLB) – "You Pharisees and other religious leaders tithe down to the last mint leaf in your garden, but then ignore the important things—justice and mercy and faith. Yes, you should tithe, but you shouldn't leave the more important things undone."

James 2:13 (NIV) – "Mercy triumphs over judgment."

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