

Cover with Mercy

Matt. 5:7

Blessed: a state of reaching full potential!

- Don't paralyze your potential by being unmerciful
- Be like your Father!
- *"Be merciful just as your Father is merciful." -Luke 6:36*

What does it mean to be merciful? What does it look like?

Biblical meaning of mercy:

- "to cover"

Ark of the Covenant

- mercy seat

Cover

- a concealing that gives time for healing!

"which of these three do you think was a neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?...he who showed mercy." -Luke 10:36,37

Cover hurt with practical help!

- *"Elizabeth...who was called barren...the Lord had shown great mercy to her." - Luke 1:36,37*

Cover barrenness with fruitfulness!

- "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness..."
- *"pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you." -Matt. 5:44*

Cover rejection with prayer!

- Persecute: to push away

Cover foolishness with wisdom!

- "But wisdom that is from above is...full of mercy." -James 3:17

Cover an offense with forgiveness!

- Forgiveness conquers death and brings life
- *"God, who is rich in mercy...when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive." - Eph. 2:4,5*
- *"Mercy triumphs over judgment." -James 2:13*