



## THE GOLDEN RULE OF HAPPINESS

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*“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”* MATTHEW 5:7 ESV

Jesus teaches us to be merciful to others so that mercy will flow back to us.

This is known as the \_\_\_\_\_.

LUKE 6:38; GALATIANS 6:7; JAMES 4:8; ECCLESIASTES 11:1; MATTHEW 6:15, 7:1

*So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.*

*For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.* JAMES 2:12-13 ESV

\_\_\_\_\_ signifies God’s unearned favor, while \_\_\_\_\_ embodies His kindness, compassion, and leniency.

### The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

*“Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.’<sup>33</sup> And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’<sup>34</sup> And in anger, his master delivered him to the jailers until he should pay all his debt.<sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”*

MATTHEW 18:32-35 ESV

“How can we claim to be Christians yet show so little mercy? Is it because we have felt our own need of mercy far too little?”

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## **Justice and Mercy**

1. In the \_\_\_\_\_

*He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? MICAH 6:8*

NKJV

2. In your \_\_\_\_\_

PROVERBS 13:24; EPHESIANS 6:4

3. In \_\_\_\_\_

*He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy. TITUS 3:5 ESV*