

C. _____ those who have hurt you.

“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”

Ephesians 4:32

“18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.”

Genesis 50:18-21

IV. _____ **MERCY**

The “good life” requires a lot of mercy.

A. Mercy allows you to obtain _____.

“I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Acts 20:35

“Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;”

Hebrews 12:15

B. Mercy allows you to obtain _____.

“14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

Matthew 6:14-15

“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”

Luke 6:38

CONCLUSION: Are You Happy?

“...happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.”

Psalms 144:15b

COME ON GET HAPPY

Happy Are The Merciful

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INTRODUCTION

A. Isn't everyone searching for true happiness? We all know life is hard and these are difficult times. People are searching and wanting to know how they can find real happiness in a fake world. Does this sound like you? Are you unfulfilled and unhappy?

“Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.”

John 16:22

B. Join me in this nine week series as we learn how to find real happiness in a fake world.

Oct 3 Happiness Is...

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C. **TEXT:** Matthew 5:7 (Pew Bible Page 4/New Testament)

• The fake way to happiness is having the right _____.

It is based on “when and then thinking”.

• The real way to happiness is having the right _____.

“If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.”

John 13:17

HOW TO GIVE YOUR HEART

I. _____ MERCY

Mercy is _____ giving someone what they deserve.
It means to withhold _____.

A. The source of mercy is _____.

“22 It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3:22-23

“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.”

James 3:17

B. The supreme act of mercy is the _____.

“Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.”

Hebrews 2:17

“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”

I Peter 2:24

II. _____ MERCY

You cannot give mercy until you first receive mercy by trusting Christ.

A. _____ it.

“4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)”

Ephesians 2:4-5

B. _____ it.

“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies,…”

Colossians 3:12a

III. _____ MERCY

Extend mercy by...

A. _____ those who are hurting.

“16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.”

I John 3:16-18

“33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.”

Luke 10:33-37

B. _____ good to your enemies.

“33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.”

Luke 6:33,35-36

Twice David had the power to kill Saul, but instead he showed mercy (I Samuel 24, 26)