

Secret #5: Forgive

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Matthew 5:1-12--Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

- #1. _____ -- Blessed are the poor in spirit.
- #2. _____ -- Blessed are those who mourn.
- #3. _____ -- Blessed are the meek.
- #4. _____
-- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

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1. I must _____ God's mercy before I can _____ it.

See Psalm 103; 2 Samuel 24:14; Lamentations 3:22,23; Luke 6:36; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Luke 18:9-14; Titus 3:4,5; Ephesians 2:4ff; 1 Timothy 1:12,13; 1 Peter 1:3ff.

2. I must _____ true mercy flows from my _____.

See Matthew 23:25ff; Proverbs 4:23; Isaiah 29:13.

3. I must _____ to walk in other people's _____.

James 2:13--...Because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

4. I must _____ out to _____.

Jude 22-23--...Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear--hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

5. I must _____ with those who _____ me.

Matthew 6:12,14,15--Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

See also Matthew 18:21; Ephesians 4:32.

6. I must _____ to people in _____.

See Luke 10:30.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be merciful? How can we show this in practical ways each day?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. Talk with your group about forgiving those who offend us. Why is it important? How do we do it? How can God help us? Talk about how Jesus did this. What were his keys for being able to forgive?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.