

BEING AN AGENT OF MERCY IN THE MIDST OF STRESS

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James 2:13

"You must show mercy to others, or God will not show mercy to you when he judges you. But the person who shows mercy will stand without fear at the judgment. Mercy triumphs over judgment." James 2:13 (NCV)

1. Why God desires me to show mercy to everyone

- Because _____.

"God is so rich in mercy and he loves us so very much that when we were spiritually dead and doomed because of our sins, he gave us new life in Christ." Ephesians 2:4-5

Jesus: *"Shouldn't you have mercy on others, just as I have shown mercy to you?."* Matthew 18:33

- Because _____.

"I don't want your sacrifices. I want you to be merciful." Hosea 6:6

"God has clearly shown you what is good and how he expects you to live: You must treat everybody justly, love mercy and walk humbly before God." Micah 6:8

- Because _____.

Jesus: *"If you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins."* Matthew 6:15

Jesus: *"God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy."* Matthew 5:7

- Because _____.

"A merciful person helps himself, but a cruel person hurts himself." Proverbs 11:17

"After Job prayed for his friends, the Lord restored Job's wealth and happiness, giving him twice as much as before." Job 42:10

2. Ways God wants me to show mercy to everyone

- Forgive people _____.

"When people sin, you should forgive them and comfort them, so they won't give up in despair." 2 Corinthians 2:7

"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us."
Luke 11:4

- Be patient _____.

"Accept one another just as Christ has accepted you. This brings glory to God!" Romans 15:7

"Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." Ja 1:19

- Show respect to _____.

"Treat everyone you meet with dignity." 1 Peter 2:17

"Don't get bitter or angry or use harsh words that hurt each other. Don't yell at one another or curse or every be rude. Instead, be kind and merciful." Ephesians 4:31-32

- Help _____.

"Wherever or whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it." Proverbs 3:27

"Jesus saved us not because of the good things we did, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins and gave us new life." Titus 3:5