

C. Forgiving those who have hurt you.

*“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32*

*“18 Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, “Behold, we are your servants.”*

*19 Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God?”*

*20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.*

*21 Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones.” And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.” Genesis 50:18-21*

**IV. ENJOY MERCY**

The “good life” requires a lot of mercy.

A. Mercy allows you to obtain happiness.

*“... And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35b*

*“looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;” Hebrews 12:15*

B. Mercy allows you to obtain mercy.

*“14 “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.*

*15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” Matthew 6:14-15*

**ARE YOU TRULY HAPPY?**

*“...Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!”*

Psalm 144:15b

**TRULY HAPPY  
Happy Are The Merciful  
Pastor Steve Reynolds**

**INTRODUCTION**

A. “Where can I find TRUE happiness?” Virtually everyone has ask this question at some point. The challenge is finding true happiness in a world full of fake. The good news is true happiness is available and can be found in God.

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Yes, God wants you to be TRULY HAPPY! But God’s plan for true happiness looks very different than you would expect.

B. God reveals His plan for human happiness in what is called the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12). Join the Capital Family for a journey through this famous Bible passage and find out what Jesus said about true happiness in a world full of fake.

- Oct 10 Let’s Get Truly Happy
- Oct 17 Happy Are The Humble
- Oct 24 Happy Are The Sad
- Oct 31 Happy Are The Meek
- Nov 7 Happy Are The Hungry
- TODAY Happy Are The Merciful
- Nov 21 Happy Are The Holy
- Nov 28 Happy Are The Peacemakers
- Dec 5 Happy Are The Persecuted

C. **TEXT:** Matthew 5:7

• The fake way to happiness is having the right circumstances. It is based on “when and then thinking”.

• The true way to happiness is having the right characteristics.

*“If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”*

John 13:17

## HOW TO BE MERCIFUL

### I. EXAMINE MERCY

Mercy is not giving someone what they deserve.  
It means to withhold judgment.

#### A. The source of mercy is God.

*“22 Through the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed,  
Because His compassions fail not.  
23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”*  
Lamentations 3:22-23

*“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.”* James 3:17

#### B. The supreme act of mercy is the cross.

*“Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren,  
that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”*  
Hebrews 2:17

### II. EXPERIENCE MERCY

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

#### A. Receive it.

*“4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,  
5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),”* Ephesians 2:4-5

#### B. Give it.

*“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

## III. EXTEND MERCY

*“Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Execute true justice, Show mercy and compassion Everyone to his brother.’”* Zachariah 7:9

Extend mercy by...

#### A. Helping those who are hurting.

*“33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.*

*34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.*

*35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’*

*36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”*

*37 And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”* Luke 10:33-37

#### B. Doing good to your enemies.

*“33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.*

*35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.*

*36 Therefore be merciful, just 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).