

A Minister of Mercy

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

B&P Core Values

1. **PASSION FOR CHRIST**– Everyone to walk, mature and have passion to know, love and become like Christ.
2. **GOD’S WORD** – Authority, sufficiency and primacy of God’s Word in our decisions, ministry and the whole of life.
3. **DEPEND ON THE HOLY SPIRIT & PRAYERS** – Persevering prayers rooted in the promises of God and reliance on the Holy Spirit.
4. **MARKETPLACE MINISTRY** – Our Work and all of life is spiritual and every believer is in full time service ministering with Integrity & Authenticity out there in our Natural Sphere of Influence at Work, Home and Community.
5. **SMALL GROUPS DISCIPLESHIP & MULTIPLICATION** – Intentional Disciple making through Small Groups as key to Growth and Spiritual Multiplication and the fulfillment of the Great Commission.
6. **STRONG FAMILY & COMMUNITY** – Sacrificial Love and Grace as we support One Another in Families and as a Community.

(Upright Roof)

Keys to God's Blessings

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"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

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"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

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"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

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"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

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"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

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"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

God's Foundation

MATTHEW 5: 7

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown
mercy.

WHY WE NEED TO BE MERCIFUL?

1. GOD HAS SHOWN US MERCY

EPHESIANS 2: 4-5

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]

But because of his great love for us, God, **who is rich in mercy**, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.

MATTHEW 18:33

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]



Shouldn't you have had **mercy** on your fellow servant just as I had on you?

2. GOD COMMANDS US TO BE MERCIFUL

MICAH 6: 8

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]

He has showed you, O man, what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to **love mercy**
and to walk humbly with your God.

HOSEA 6: 6

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]



For I **desire mercy**, not sacrifice,
and acknowledgment of God rather than
burnt offerings.

3. WE'LL NEED MERCY IN THE FUTURE

JAMES 2: 12-13

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged
by the law that gives freedom, because judgment
without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been
merciful. **Mercy** triumphs over judgment.

4. SHOWING MERCY BRINGS HAPPINESS

PROVERBS 14: 21

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]

He who despises his neighbor sins,
but **blessed** is he who is kind to the needy.

PROVERBS 11: 17

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]



A kind man benefits himself,
but a cruel man brings trouble on himself.

WHAT ARE THE WAYS TO BE MERCIFUL?

1. BE PATIENT WITH PEOPLE

EPHESIANS 4: 2

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient,
bearing with one another in love.

JAMES 2: 13

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]



¹³ because judgment without **mercy** will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

JAMES 3: 17

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]

17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of **mercy** and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

2. HELP ANYONE HURTING AROUND YOU

PROVERBS 3: 27

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]

²⁷ Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to act.

[NLT]

²⁷ Do not withhold good from those who deserve it
when it's in your power to help them.

ROMANS 12: 8

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]

⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show **mercy**, do it **cheerfully**.

3. GIVE PEOPLE A SECOND CHANCE

EPHESIANS 4: 31-32

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

4. DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO HURT ME

LUKE 6: 35-36

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]

But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

5. BE KIND TO THOSE WHO OFFEND ME

1 TIMOTHY 1: 13

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]



Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown **mercy** because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.

1 TIMOTHY 1: 16

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]

But for that very reason I was shown **mercy** so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for **those who would believe** on him and receive eternal life

JUDE 1: 22-23

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]

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.

6. BUILD BRIDGES OF LOVE WITH OUR FRIENDS

MATTHEW 9: 10-13

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples.

When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners"?

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

But go and learn what this means: "**I desire mercy, not sacrifice**". For I have not come to call the righteous, but **sinners**."

7. VALUE RELATIONSHIP OVER RULES

MATTHEW 12: 1-8

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, “Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath”.

He answered, “Haven’t you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not unlawful for them to do, but only for the priests. Or haven’t you read in the law that on Sabbath the priests in the temple desecrate the day and yet are innocent? I tell you that one greater than the temple is here. If you had known what these words means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.

ROMANS 13: 10

[NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION]



“ Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

DISCUSSION

HOW TO BE MERCIFUL

1. To be patient with people.
2. Help anyone hurting around you.
3. Give people a second chance.
4. Do good to those who hurt you.
5. Be kind to those who offend you.
6. Build bridges of love with our friends.
7. Value relationship over rules.