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BEING HAPPY ACCORDING TO JESUS



Matthew 5:3-6

"Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those **who mourn**, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are **the meek**, for they shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they shall be satisfied.

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*“A Christian is something before  
they do something”*

*Martin Lloyd Jones*

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*We are not meant to control our Christianity,  
Our Christianity should control us!*

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*Galatians 2:20*

*"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is **no longer I who live**, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.*

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*Empty to be filled (vs 3-6)*  
*Filled to overflow (vs 7-12)*

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*Matthew 5:7*

*"Blessed are the **merciful**, for they  
shall receive mercy.*

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*Mercy (verb form)*  
*To help the afflicted, distressed, to*  
*rescue the miserable*

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Luke 10:30-31

"A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho; and he fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went off leaving him half dead.

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## Luke 10:31-32

"And by chance a certain priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. "And likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

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## Luke 10:33-34

"But a certain Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, and came to him, and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

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Luke 10:35

"And on the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return, I will repay you.'

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## Luke 10:35-37

"Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?" And he said, "The one who showed **mercy** toward him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

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1. Mercy **sees** the **need**

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## Matthew 25:41-42

"Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink;

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## Matthew 25:43-44

I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.' "Then they themselves also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?'

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If your mission in life is not in line  
with God's mission, you will not see  
the opportunities for mercy

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Our ordinary lives speak daily  
of who we are.

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2. Mercy **responds** internally with  
**compassion**

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3. Mercy **responds** externally with  
**action** to **relieve** the distress

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*Matthew 23:23*

*"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,  
hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and  
cummin, and have neglected the  
**weightier provisions** of the law: justice  
and **mercy** and faithfulness;*

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Mercy deals with the pain and the misery and the distress (caused by the sin of the person or sin and brokenness of the world). But grace deals with the sin itself. Mercy deals with the symptoms, grace deals with the problem. Mercy offers relief from punishment. Grace offers pardon for the crime. Mercy eliminates the pain and grace grants a better condition. Mercy deals with the negative and grace puts it in the positive. Mercy says no hell, grace says heaven. Mercy says I pity you, grace says I pardon you.

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Jesus' mercy was **evangelistic**

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Jesus' mercy was **instructive**

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Jesus' mercy took the form of **caring acts**

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## Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

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If you are not merciful, it may be that  
you have never received mercy.

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