

Blessed are the Merciful

Matthew 5:7
(series #18)

Introduction: the dead-end street of pursuing happiness

I. The Necessity of Mercy in Life

- A. We need God's mercy because of our sin
- B. We need mercy from others because we fail

II. The Importance of Giving Mercy - Matt. 18:21-35

III. The Danger of Not Showing Mercy - James 2:13

- A. It shows you haven't received God's mercy
- B. Thus, you won't receive mercy

IV. The Reminder to Show Mercy - Matt. 6:14-15

- A. Our forgiveness depends on it
- B. This is relational, not positional, forgiveness
 - 1. Colossians 2:13
 - 2. John 13:1-10
 - 3. 1st John 1:9

Concluding application: Mercy is shown in many ways