

The Blessings of Mercy & Purity

A Life God Blesses - Part 3

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Matthew 5:7-8

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

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

1. God's heart _____ & mercy
_____.

Micah 6:8

*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.*

Blessed are the merciful...

'marks' of mercy

- Luke 10:36-37
- Galatians 6:1-2
- Luke 6:35
- Colossians 3:13

... for they will be shown mercy.

2. We need to ponder _____
_____.

Blessed are the pure in heart ...

3. Purity is a heart _____
_____.

Pathways to purity:

... for they will see God.

4. God promises _____
_____.

Questions for Personal Reflection & Group Discussion

1. How important is mercy to God?
Perhaps check out the following verses
before discussing: Exodus 33.19; 34:6,7;
Psalm 86:15; Matthew 9:11-13;
Matt 23.23.
2. Have you ever experienced mercy from
someone that was life-changing? Can
you share it?
3. Discuss the 'marks' of mercy described
in today's talk (side one). What are the
greatest opportunities you have to excel
as a *minister of mercy*? Discuss.
4. Discuss the 'principle of proportionality'
as taught by Jesus in Matthew 18:23-
35. What should we learn from this story
about how we treat others?
5. Agree or disagree (& why)?—'The
pathway to purity is lined with pitfalls.
Discuss the importance of a pure heart
and ways to maintain purity.
6. Discuss the blessing Jesus promises the
pure in heart—"*they will see God*". How
is it possible to 'see God' in our daily
lives? How have you seen God at work
lately?