

## ***Lessons From the Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain Part 24***

***“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.” (Matthew 5:7 KJV)***

We will continue in this message to find out how God is showing mercy so we can grasp how we can show mercy to others.

***“Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.” (Luke 6:38 KJV)***

As God is merciful we too need to be merciful. The mercy of the Father should be there in our lives toward others. Showing mercy is through the care to those who are harmed, underprivileged, injured or crippled by the work of darkness. The Scripture teaches us further points in regard to this matter:

***A. “30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.” (Luke 10:30-37 KJV)***

The passage speaks about how the priest and the Levite avoided the half dead victim but the Samaritan man when he saw the victim he responded to the call of God and moved and did the needful. The Samaritan saw the opportunity to serve and to do goodness. The Samaritan was merciful to the man and had shown him mercy. The followings are the points that you can learn further from the story of the good Samaritan and how he did his part to help the victim:

***1. To show mercy is to remove the victim from the area of dangers:*** It is important thing to do as first aid is to remove the people that we are reaching and helping from the hands of rubbers, criminals, cheaters and from whatever things that will worsen their condition and make them deteriorate more. *We need to remove people from the effect of usury, wasting money, injustice, wrong advices and from those who are abusing them.* It is like removing the burned patient from the fire. *As you move forward to live your life for Jesus you will meet people who are underprivileged, and as you are the servant of Jesus, then you are called to help those people that you are meeting and to deliver them from the hand of devil and its vices and from hands of those who are instruments of the devil.*

*You are also called to deliver the victims out of the bad effects of the circumstance and from the hands of the harmful people.* The Samaritan brought the victim to a safe place,

*“and brought him to an inn.” (Luke 10:34) We need to show mercy for those harmed by the devil, its vices and its instruments by bringing them to safe places so they can recover peacefully and enjoy the goodness of the Lord to them.*

***2. Deal with the victim directly and not through intermediate:*** *There are many in the body of the Christ who collect money in the name of the Lord to help victims and injured people. But those people might be like the priest or the Levite in the Scriptures we read, who see the victim, takes photos for the victims, report the victims receives the money but they will do nothing for the victims.*

***3. You cannot use your money without putting your hands:*** The man who helped the victim as we read in the Scripture he was travelling, when he saw the victim he was moved with compassion, *“And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine.” (Luke 10:34) We cannot show mercy without putting our hands and do the needful.*

*Why we need to put our hands? We need to put our hands so we can examine what is going on. To show mercy also we need to see the wounds and examine carefully the damages there and assess the disability so that we will know what to give advice and what a decision that we need to take to help the victim to be healed and recover. We can deliver mercy when we can see clearly what are the damages and injuries.*

***4. Showing mercy is by putting physical effort and willing to go into suffering:*** The Samaritan man exercised effort; he carried the victim and put him on his donkey till he brought him to the inn, *“and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.” (Luke 10:34) There is no white job in serving the Lord and showing mercy. Suffering in showing mercy is part and parcel for effective evangelism and in showing mercy.*

***5. To show mercy is that you need to spent when it is required:*** *“And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him.” (Luke 10:35) There is a time that we need to spend money in order that we will be able to show mercy and to extend further our spiritual care and follow up. In such circumstances we need to spend.*

*That is also showing us the importance of saving in order that we can show mercy. We need to keep some amount of money in order that we will be able to show mercy. Therefore we need to be prepared with finances in order to show mercy to the people.*

***6. Follow up is an important step for showing mercy:*** The Samaritan man said to the inn keeper *“when I come again,” (Luke 10:35)* Because he knew that he need to follow up the person in order to complete the work that God called him to do in that person’s life. *Assessment is needed. You need to understand that showing mercy will only be effective when accompanied by proper follow up and in assessing the people that God called you to disciple them and care for them.*

*Although these days people are upset when you call them and follow up with them and they think that you are interfering with their lives and you want to control them. That is*

not our motive in showing mercy but our desire to honor God and to do good for the people, as well as in showing mercy, follow up is so essential to accomplish the purpose.

**7. The Good Samaritan has motivation to please God:** Although as a Samaritan he was disliked by others. Jewish were abhorring the Samaritan, but that did not hinder that Samaritan from humbling down or being more humiliated. Instead, he continued to do the service that God was pleased with, and found out what pleases the Lord. He was not overruled by anger, disappointment, grumbling, frustration or doubt about God's goodness and justice. We need to be healed from injuries and get recovered so we can show mercy to others. Repeated injuries to the body of Christ may leave us hurts and with unstable heart that make us reluctant to give aid, mercy and help.

We need to work out for our healing so that we will continue to show mercy to others whom God had put around us to care. The Samaritan knew that what he did was pleasant to the Lord and he would receive a reward from God. **"23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."** (Colossians 3:23-24 KJV) Therefore, when we serve God we do not wait for people to appreciate or reward us, but rather we do it for the Lord who will not forget our service and what we do to the people who are in distress. **"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."** (Hebrews 6:10 KJV) When we are motivated to please God we will be able to continue to show mercy and care for the people around us and be a blessing to the body of Christ.

**8. The Good Samaritan was motivated with the right thinking:** The Good Samaritan in contrary to the priest and the Levite had a compassionate and a merciful heart. In spite of the fact that he was travelling and having a certain task to do, when he saw the victim he moved with compassion to help him and he diligently did his part and responsibility toward the needy person and toward God: The Good Samaritan might have had a tight schedule and responsibilities to fulfill but his mind was motivated by the right thought and action. The Samaritan did not receive anything but he gave instead. He thought that as he served God and did his part to help that victim and to show mercy unto him, the Lord would bring more relief and victory in his life: **"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."** (Matthew 5:7 KJV) Therefore in the same way as we serve God and do our part to help victims and show mercy unto them, the Lord will bring more relief and victory in our lives.

**9. The Good Samaritan showed good management of time:** The Good Samaritan was on a journey, but as he saw the situation was an emergency, he interfered and showed willingness and interest toward the victim. Yet he managed his time well. Since he was unable to stay with the victim over many days in the inn, **"he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee."** (Luke 10:35 KJV) So he used the principle of delegation to the right person who could do the job well so that he could go on to fulfill the rest of his responsibilities. Therefore in the same way we need to use the principle of delegation and use the right person who will do the job well so that we can go on to fulfill the rest of our responsibilities in life toward God and toward men.

The Samaritan also used his money to buy time. Many people are unable to serve the LORD well and show mercy to others because they do not manage their time well and in addition they have no resources. Therefore we need to manage our time and resources well so we can be ready to serve God and to show mercy to people who are in distress and in need for our help.

Here also we are advised to review our schedules and see what the redundant and unnecessary things or activities that we are involved with so that we can remove ourselves from them so that we will have time, preserve strength, having less anxiety and thinking on things not unfruitful to us nor to others. These hinder us from serving God and showing mercy to others. Therefore, we need to set our priorities right and to cut every activity or function that yields no fruit in our life and ministry, and prevents us from being good steward.

**10. The Good Samaritan showed diligence and no laziness:** Reading again the chosen passage, here we find some words underlined: **"33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee."** (Luke 10:33-35 KJV) The underlined are action words that the Samaritan undertaken and spent efforts and gave instructions. These also show the diligence of the Good Samaritan. Nowadays many Christians are not really serving God not because they are unwilling but because they are lazy and their laziness has moved them away from being responsible and fruitful workers. Even if you want to show mercy, but being lazy will make you ineffective. God calls us to repent and turn away from laziness so that we bear good fruit and fruit that will last.

**My dear and beloved:** Let us review the points that we mentioned and discussed, about the good work of the Samaritan:

- 1. To show mercy is to remove the victim from the area of dangers:**
- 2. Deal with the victim directly and not through intermediate:**
- 3. You cannot use your money without putting your hands:**
- 4. Showing mercy is by putting physical effort and willingness to go into suffering:**
- 5. To show mercy is that you need to spent when it is required:**
- 6. Follow up is an important step for showing mercy:**
- 7. The Good Samaritan has motivation to please God:**
- 8. The Good Samaritan was motivated with the right thinking:**
- 9. The Good Samaritan showed good management of time and money:**
- 10. The Good Samaritan showed diligence and no laziness:**

Reflect now on the message and see how much you are involving in the work of God and doing the same what that Samaritan was doing.

Reflect on yourself, and see what you lack and what are the things that you are still you need to do and develop in yourself to be a merciful person that God wants you to be.

Have you set your priority right?

Have you trusted God that as you show mercy to others He will take care of the things that you need to achieve?

Have you cleansed your heart from pain and hatred and grudges because of your previous bad experiences with people?

Have you prepared yourself to put on your hands, to suffer and to spend whenever is needed to extend the mercy of God to others?

Have you valued saving, and the good delegation to suitable people, so that whenever time and skill are needed money will be used to have them to show mercy?

Are you a diligent or a lazy person?

At this time don't look to others but look to yourself and see what is going in your life, and repent in the light of the Scripture that you receive.

Let us pray:

*Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death on the third day to give me eternal life.*

*Let us confess and renounce all our sins to the Lord. Let us renounce our pride, lack of commitment, selfishness, non willingness to help others, laziness, anger, unforgiveness, grudges in our hearts, non willingness to give, non willingness to suffer, non willingness to share, and our bad stewardships. Let us renounce our stubbornness, and non willingness to obey what God wants us to do and work for Him.*

*Let us commit ourselves to obey the teaching in this message and let us learn to have faith in God, to have mercy and to show mercy to others, even to those to whom we may not like.*

*Let us give thanks to God for the mercies that we had received from HIM in saving us, in forgiving our sins, in delivering us from troubles, and in giving us favor and mercy, and doing us miracles in times of need.*

*Lord, I commit my life to be willing to show mercy as you had showed your mercy to me. Lord, I commit myself to hearken to your voice and to the instructions of your Word that I learned from this message. Lord I commit myself to implement them in my life and go forward to help and rescue the people who are victims of troubles, circumstances and the work of devil. Lord I commit myself to show mercy for those people whom you put in my way, to go and help them and do the needful to them.*

*Lord I commit myself to be good steward to what you gave to me. I commit myself to save money so I can help others when the need raise up. Lord I commit myself to be diligent in moving forward to help those who are in emergency and in critical condition. Lord*

*protect me and provide for me. Lord help me in troubles and solve my problems so I can go and help others.*

*Lord, I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who had humbled themselves before you, renouncing their sins and are willing to apply the principles that we learn from your Word in this message and to show mercy to others who are in need and in emergency; Lord protects them and provides all their needs. Lord help them in their troubles as they are willing to work with you to rescue others from troubles.*

*Lord do miracles in their lives and fills them once again with the Holy Spirit and makes their lives' testimony attractive to others so that people will believe in you and start to follow you and live according to your Word. Lord use them to evangelize and to make new disciples of yours and to show mercy to others.*

*Lord, I pray for us as a church to help us, protect us, and provide for us to go on in serving you and do your work and your will. Lord fills us once again with the Holy Spirit and enables us to evangelize and to reach new people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with the Word of God.*

*Lord give us the fruit of the Holy Spirit, love, joy, peace, humility, self-control, patience, perseverance, long suffering, faith and faithfulness to go on and serve you in a better way reflecting the character of Jesus in our lives in helping others who are in troubles who need our hands, our efforts, our help and our prayers.*

*Lord, we pray that you will enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church and to reach out new people and new places. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.*

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