The Beatitudes (Truly Blessed) Part 5

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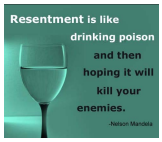
1. Resentment is when you let your hurt become hate/bitterness



Resentment and anger can emotionally & physically damage the the person holding onto them. Without a doubt they are spiritually fatal. They will shrivel the soul.

2. Mercy is the choice that can set us free from resentment and bitterness.

"Blessed are the merciful", Jesus said on the mountain. Those who are merciful are the ones who are "Truly Blessed". Why? "*for they will be shown mercy.*"

3. It is when we seek to show mercy and understanding to others that we are more open to the mercy and understanding that God has for us.

26 *"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.'* ***27*** *The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go…*
32 *"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me too.* ***33*** *Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?'* ***34*** *In anger his master handed him over to the jailers. From Matt. 18:21-34*

"Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives transgressions…You do not stay angry but delight to show mercy." Micah 7:18

(Jesus said) "Be merciful, just as your Father in heaven is merciful." Luke 6:36

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1. **Think of a time you were shown mercy you did not receive. How did it make you feel?**

2. According to this message, what is the opposite of mercy?

3. Why is it so difficult to show mercy at times and so easy to hold onto resentment and bitterness?

4. In what was does resentment harm us?

5. Write down a few ideas you can try this week to make restitution for the hurts you have caused or to forgive others who have hurt you. If you cannot yet get to that point, then pray about them until you receive the strength to do so.

Going Deeper: Think about contacting one of these organizations or another to help show mercy to people and children in desperate need.

https://www.raicestexas.org
This organization is helping those families that are currently in custody/separated.

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This is the Amazon wishlist for Val Verde Border Humanitarian Coalition which is an organization working with the families being released from custody and helping them with that transition.