

## Do You Want To Be Judged Without Mercy?

### I. Introduction:

A. Whenever we discuss points such as this, it is important to be sure we do not go to an incorrect extreme (**Deuteronomy 12:32**).

B. As we address the subject matter of mercy, it is important that we see the Scriptural boundaries. We are told to be merciful with the Lord as our example of such (**Luke 6:36**).

1. God's mercy does not mean that He unconditionally forgives sinners (**Proverbs 28:13** and **Luke 13:1-5**).

2. He teaches us to forgive conditionally as well (**Luke 17:1-4**).

3. Therefore, we must conclude that mercy does not equal forgiveness; but it does mean granting the opportunity for the process of repentance and ultimately forgiveness thereafter (**Nehemiah 9:1-38**).

### II. Body: If We Show No Mercy... (**James 2:8-13**).

A. Would you want to face God without Him being merciful (**Psalms 90:11** and **Hebrews 10:26-31**)?

1. Mercy is: "compassion (human or divine, especially active): — (+ tender) mercy. Kindness or good will towards the miserable and the afflicted, joined with a desire to help them" (Strong's # G1656).

2. God's mercy is up to Him (**Romans 9:14-15**).

3. Do we take for granted what others have cried unto God for (**Psalms 86:3**)?

4. Where would you or I be without His mercy (**I Peter 1:3; 2:10**)?

5. How can we expect what we won't give (**Proverbs 21:13**)?

B. It is good for us to be merciful (**Proverbs 21:21**).

1. We see mercy in God (**Psalms 103:8**).

2. God should see mercy in us (**Luke 6:27-36**).

C. Mercy and ultimately forgiveness, requires compassion (**Matthew 18:15-35**).

1. Compassion is an expected attribute of Christian (**I Peter 3:8**).

2. Learn to think like Jesus did (**Matthew 15:32-39, Mark 6:34, and Luke 7:11-17**).

3. Compassion isn't an expression of words, but an action rooted in proper love (**I John 3:14-18**).

D. When repentance/conversion occurs, you have to be willing to forgive (**Mark 11:25-26** and **Colossians 3:12-13**).

1. The Lord is our pattern to follow (**Ephesians 4:31-32**).

2. Again, expect what you are willing to give (**Luke 6:37-38**).

### III. Conclusion: "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy" (**Matthew 5:7**).