



Spiritual Gifts

Topic: The Spiritual Gift of Mercy Part 1

What is the Gift of Mercy?

The believer with the spiritual gift of mercy has the God-given ability and desire to compassionately care for those who are suffering, hurting, discouraged, or in need, reflecting God's own heart of compassion.

Key Topic Scriptures: Roman 12:8

Understanding Mercy

Mercy is compassion in action. It goes beyond feeling sympathy and moves toward helping, comforting, forgiving, and restoring those who are hurting or have been hurt. God's mercy is one of His defining attributes, and all believers, just like the believers with the gift are expected to reflect and show mercy toward others.

***(Psalm 103:8; Lamentations 3:22-23;
Ephesians 2:4-5)***

1. Characteristics of Those with the Gift of Mercy

- People who are gifted in mercy often:
 - Notice emotional and physical suffering quickly.
 - Feel deep compassion for hurting people.
 - Provide comfort without judging.
 - Demonstrate patience and understanding.
 - Desire restoration rather than condemnation.
 - Minister to people others may overlook.

2. Biblical Example of Mercy

The Good Samaritan – (Luke 10:30-37)

The Samaritan:

- Saw that the man was wounded
- He felt compassion
- Immediately acted
- Sacrificed His own time and resources

Mercy is not merely an emotion; it is compassionate action!



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3. Jesus: The Perfect Example of Mercy

Throughout His ministry, Jesus consistently demonstrated mercy.

a. Mercy to the Blind (**Matthew 20:29-34**).

Two blind men cried out to Jesus: Lord. Have mercy on us!
Jesus stopped, touched them, and healed them.

Lesson: Mercy often notices those whom society often ignores.

b. Mercy to the Broken (**Mark 1:40-42**).

A leper begged Jesus for help and instead of avoiding him because of the disease, he healed him.

Lesson: Mercy moves toward people rather than away from them.

c. Mercy to Sinners (**John 8:1-11**).

Jesus showed mercy and compassion to the woman caught in adultery, while still calling her to repentance.

Lesson: Mercy does not ignore truth; it applies truth with compassion