

“I pray the Muslims will treat the Hindus in a Christian manner.”

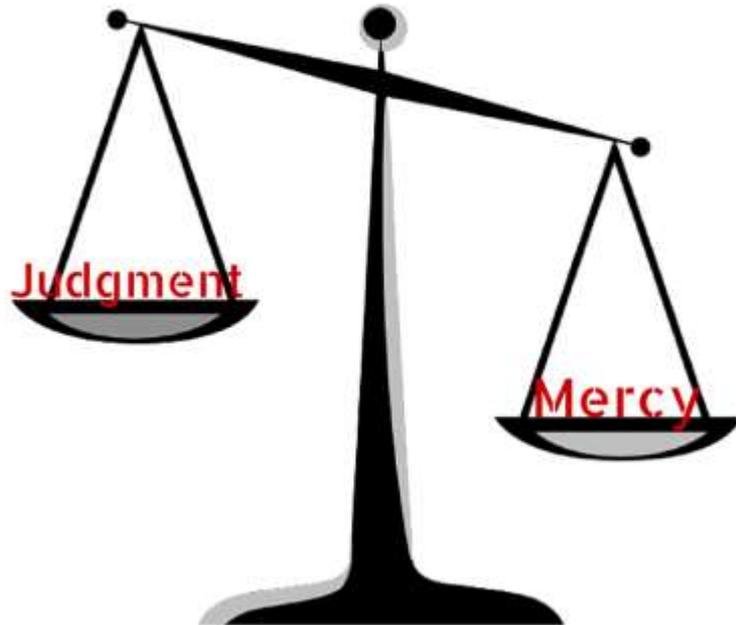
- M. Gandhi



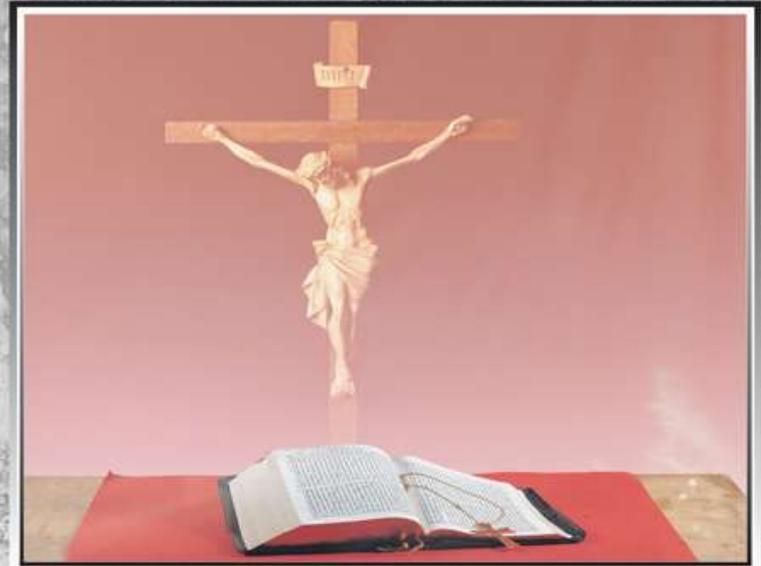
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Matthew 5:7

## A DIVINE BALANCE



## LOVE VS. LAW



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**At Judgment you will cry out for  
Mercy not Justice!**

# Thesis:

- What Mercy is Not. 
- What Mercy IS. 
- The Three Levels of Mercy.



- What is at stake.

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# WHAT MERCY IS NOT..

- *Moral Vacillation.* 
- *Refusal to Discipline.* 
- *Expedient Compromise.* 
- *Not simply a Feeling of pity.* 

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# WHAT MERCY IS :

- “Mercy is a compassion of the soul that moves one to action.”
- “Mercy is pity with hands and feet ...”



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# What Mercy IS:

**mercy**

*noun* mer·cy \ 'mər-sē\

## **Simple Definition of MERCY**

-- kind or forgiving treatment of someone who could be treated harshly.

--kindness or help given to people who are in a very bad or desperate situation.

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## Mercy vs. Grace

**Mercy** – God does not give what *is deserved* (Rm 1:18).

**Grace** – God gives what is *not deserved* (Eph 2:8-9).

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# Napoleon



- M: “Give my son pardon!”
- N: “Justice demands his death!”
- M: “I plead for mercy.”
- N: “He does not deserve mercy!”
- M: “It would not be mercy if he deserved it.”





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# THE THREE LEVELS OF MERCY



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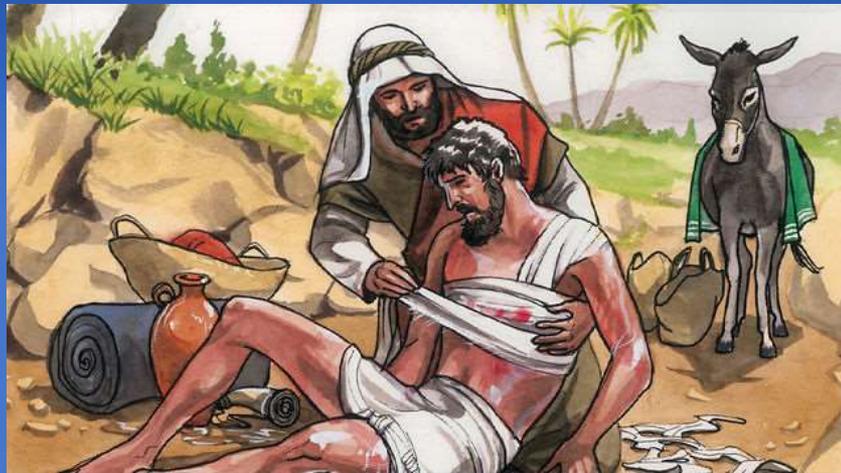


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## THE GOOD SAMARITAN

“Moved with compassion”  
(Lk 10:33).

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- #2: “Being *generous* in our judgments of other people who we *think have sinned.*”



“I desire mercy and not sacrifice” ..

“Do not condemn the guiltless”  
(Matt 12:7).

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# THREE QUESTIONS



- Are you a respecter of persons?
- How about your children?
- Do you *condemn in other people what you endorse in yourself* (Lk 13:10-17)?

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# If you are merciful . . .

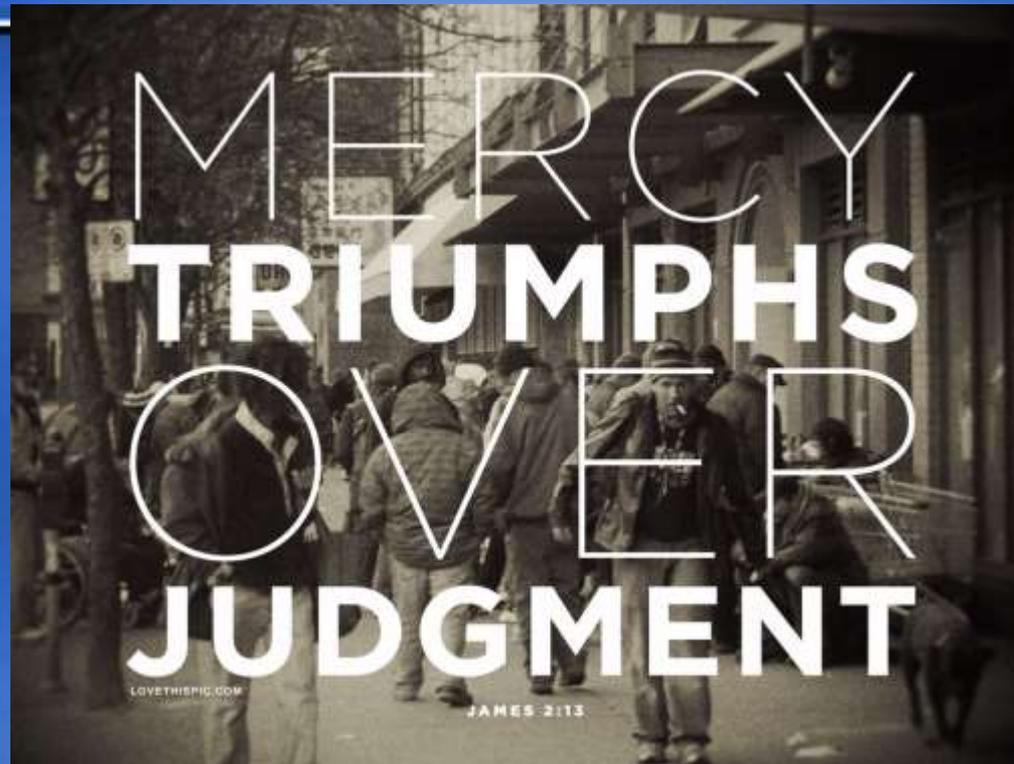
- You will not rush to judgment and be willing to give a person a second chance (John 8:1-11).
- You will practice . . .

**The Golden Rule:**

*Treat others the way  
You want to be treated.*

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# If Merciful ...



Be Generous in your judgment and not be a fault finder (Matt 7:1-2).

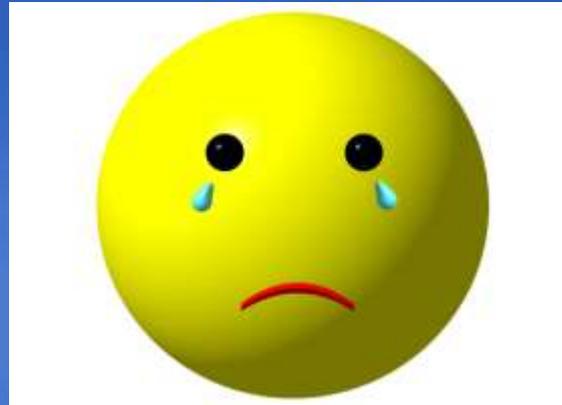
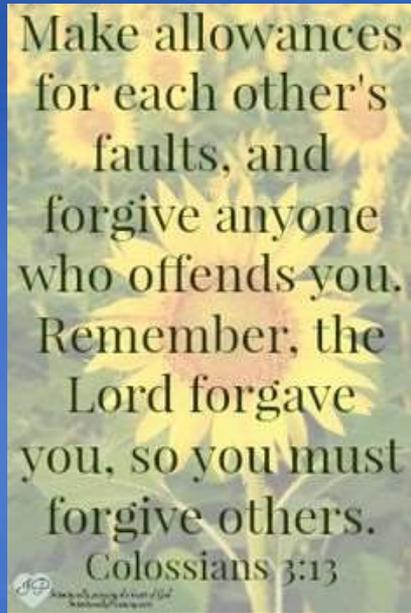
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#3: “Being forgiving towards others that have offended us personally.”

Make allowances for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.  
Colossians 3:13



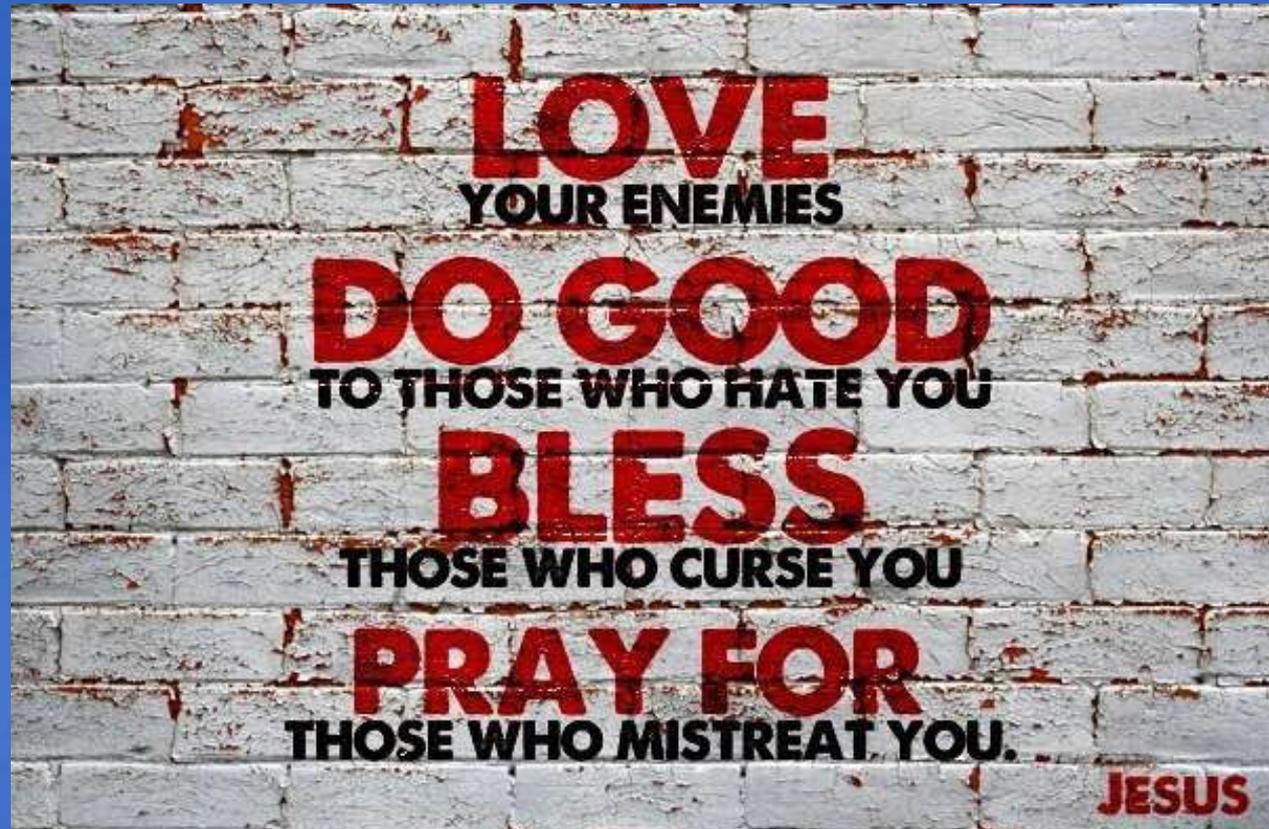
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It takes a  
strong heart to love  
but it takes a  
**STRONGER** heart  
to continue to love  
after it's been hurt.



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# What is at stake?

- Your own blessing of mercy at judgment.
  - Matt 7: 1-5 “By your own standard of measure you shall be judged.”
  - The parable of the unforgiven servant (Matt 18: 28-35).
    - “So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if you from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses (Lk 18:35).

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Heaven is Made  
up of  
2 types of people:  
Those Who are  
forgiven  
and Those Who  
forgive.

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