

**"MERCY"**  
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**MY NOTES . . . . .**

**Matthew 5:7**

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

**John MacArthur**

*Commentary on Matthew*

"Mercy was the supreme sign of weakness. Mercy was a sign that you did not have what it takes to be a real man, especially a real Roman. The Romans glorified manly courage and strict justice, firm discipline and above all, absolute power."

**Matthew 9:36**

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

**Luke 10:25-26**

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

**Luke 10:27-29**

He answered: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself."

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

**Dallas Willard**

*The Divine Conspiracy*

". . . we define who our neighbor is by our love. We make a neighbor of someone by caring for him or her . . . we don't first define a class of people who will be our neighbors and then select only them as the objects of our love — leaving the rest to lie where they fall. Jesus deftly rejects the question 'who is my neighbor?' and substitutes the only question really relevant here: 'To whom will I be a neighbor?'"

**Micah 6:8**

He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.