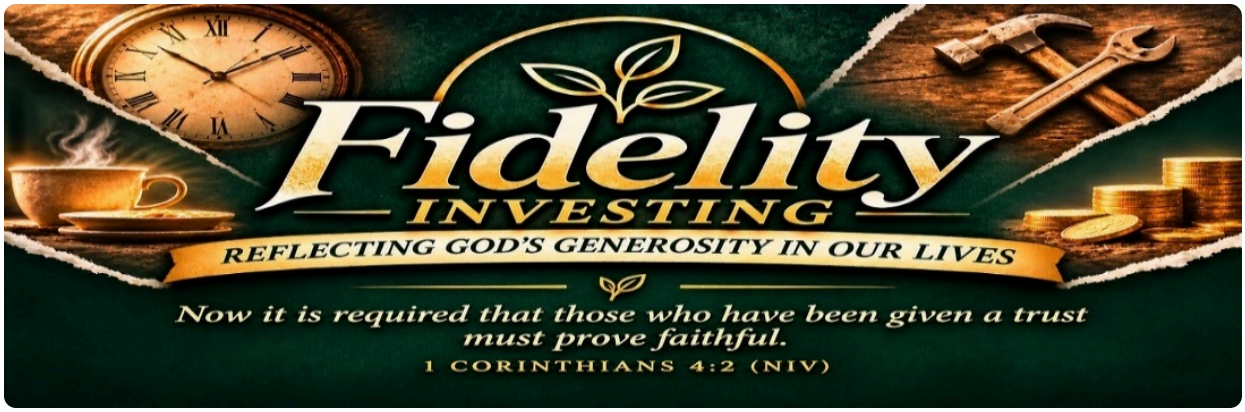


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Rich In Mercy

We know that we are of God, and that the world is altogether set on wickedness. **1 John 5:19 (NMB)**

So be very careful how you live. Live wisely, not like fools. [16] *I mean that you should use every opportunity you have for doing good, because these are evil times.* [17] *So don't be foolish with your lives, but learn what the Lord wants you to do.* **Ephesians 5:15–17 (ERV)**

(The soul of a wicked person desireth evil; he shall not even give mercy to his friend.) **Proverbs 21:10 (WYC)**

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, [5] *even when we were dead in sins, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)* **Ephesians 2:4–5 (MEV)**

> **In an evil world, one of our greatest weapons is _____!**

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." **Luke 6:36 (NIV)**

Put on therefore… bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; **Colossians 3:12 (KJV)**

IN ORDER TO BE RICH IN MERCY LIKE GOD I MUST…

1 See People As My _____ Not My _____.

And look out for one another's interests, not just for your own. **Philippians 2:4 (GNT)**

Jesus looked at him and loved him… **Mark 10:21a (NIV)**

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2 Not Be _____ By The _____ Of Others.

Jesus went to Matthew's house and made himself at home. Many other tax collectors and outcasts of society were invited to eat with Jesus and his disciples. [11] *When those known as the Pharisees saw what was happening, they were indignant, and they kept asking Jesus' disciples, "Why would your Master dine with such lowlifes?"* [12] *When Jesus overheard this, he spoke up and said, "Healthy people don't need to see a doctor, but the sick will go for treatment."* [13] *Then he added, "Now you should go and study the meaning of the verse: I want you to show mercy, not just offer me a sacrifice. For I have come to invite the outcasts of society and sinners, not those who think they are already on the right path."* **Matthew 9:10–13 (TPT)**

Be merciful to those who doubt; [23] *save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.* **Jude 1:22–23 (NIV)**

> **Don't expect unbelievers to act like believers _____.**

What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? **1 Corinthians 5:12 (NIV)**

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3 Give Careful _____ To My _____.

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. **Colossians 4:5–6 (NIV)**

Thoughtless words can wound as deeply as any sword, but wisely spoken words can heal. **Proverbs 12:18 (GNT)**

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4 Value _____ People Over _____ Rules.

"How terrible for you, teachers of the Law and Pharisees! You hypocrites! You give to God one tenth even of the seasoning herbs, such as mint, dill, and cumin, but you neglect to obey the really important teachings of the Law, such as justice and mercy and honesty. These you should practice, without neglecting the others. **Matthew 23:23 (GNT)**

TO INVEST MY TIME EXTENDING MERCY, I WILL LOOK FOR…

1 People _____.

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. **Galatians 6:2 (NIV)**

2 People _____.

Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?" [3–6] *That's exactly what Jesus did. He didn't make it easy for himself by avoiding people's troubles, but waded right in and helped out.* **Romans 15:1–3a (MSG)**

3 People _____.

He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. **2 Corinthians 1:4 (NLT)**

4 People _____.

Do not fail to show love to strangers, for by doing this some have welcomed angels without realizing it. **Hebrews 13:2 (EHV)**

I was alone and away from home, and you invited me into your house. **Matthew 25:35b (NCV)**

5 People _____.

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. **Galatians 6:1 (NIV)**

6 People _____.

Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing. **1 Peter 3:9 (NLT)**

A kind answer soothes angry feelings, but harsh words stir them up. **Proverbs 15:1 (CEV)**

7 People (_____).

God wants all people to be saved. And he wants everyone to know the truth. **1 Timothy 2:4 (ICB)**

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance. **2 Peter 3:9 (NASB)**

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