



BEING AN AGENT OF MERCY IN THE WORLD

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"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8, NIV)

HOW TO BUILD A LIFESTYLE OF MERCY:

1. I start _____ and _____ for people's _____.

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:4, NIV)

2. I refuse to be _____ by their _____.

And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. (Jude 1:22, NLT)

3. I don't expect _____ to act like _____ until they _____.

4. I _____ my _____ carefully.

Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone. (Colossians 4:6, NLT)

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. (Ephesians 4:29, NLT)

5. I value _____ over keeping _____.

..."If you had known what these words mean, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent." (Matthew 12:1-7, NIV)



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HOW TO BE AN AGENT OF MERCY:

1. I look for people in a _____.

Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2, NLT)

2. I look for people with _____ and _____ them.

Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?" (Romans 15:2, MSG)

3. I look for people who are _____ and _____ them.

God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. 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 1:3a-4, NLT)

4. I look for people needing _____ and show _____.

Always be eager to practice hospitality. (Romans 12:13b, NLT)

5. I look for people who need a _____.

When people sin, you should forgive and comfort them, so they won't give up in despair. (2 Corinthians 2:7, CEV)