

THE MIRACLE OF MERCY

Part 7 - Providing Mercy Now and Forever!

Everyone must die once, and after that be judged by God. **Hebrews 9:27** (GNB)

**NOTE: The mercy God demands His followers extend in _____
life mirrors the mercy God himself extends in the _____.**

This letter is from Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and a brother of James. I am writing to all who have been called by God the Father, who loves you and keeps you safe in the care of Jesus Christ. ² May God give you more and more mercy, peace, and love. ³ Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people. ^{4a} I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. **Jude 1:1-4a** (NLT)

➤ JUDE REVEALS 3 PEOPLE GOD CALLS ME BE MERCIFUL TO

1. I MUST BE MERCIFUL TO _____

Be merciful to those who doubt... **Jude 1:22** (NIV)

2. I MUST BE MERCIFUL TO _____

Save others by snatching them from the fire... **Jude 1:23a** (NIV)

He will come with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus. **2 Thessalonians 1:7b-8** (NLT)

3. I MUST BE MERCIFUL TO _____

To others show mercy, mixed with fear--hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. **Jude 1:23b** (NIV)

➤ JUDE'S DIRECTIVES TO BE A SUCCESSFUL MERCY PROVIDER

1. _____

¹⁷ But you, my dear friends, must remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ predicted. ¹⁸ They told you that in the last times there would be scoffers

whose purpose in life is to satisfy their ungodly desires. ¹⁹ These people are the ones who are creating divisions among you. They follow their natural instincts because they do not have God's Spirit in them. ²⁰ But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith ... **Jude 1:17, 20a** (NIV)

You must pay close attention to what [the prophets] wrote, for their words are like a lamp shining in a dark place—until the Day dawns, and Christ the Morning Star shines in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, ²¹ or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God. **2 Peter 2:19b-21** (NLT)

Yes, "everyone who trusts in the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴ But before people can call on the Lord, they must believe in him. And before they can believe in the Lord, they must hear about him. And for anyone to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them.... ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing the Good News. And people hear the Good News when someone tells them about Christ. **Romans 10:13-14, 17** (ERV)

2. _____

Furthermore, continue to pray in the Holy Spirit. **Jude 1:20b** (ISV)

3. _____

Stay always within the boundaries where God's love can reach and bless you. Wait patiently for the eternal life that our Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy is going to give you. **Jude 1:21** (TLB)

4. _____

And as for others, help them to find the Lord by being kind to them, but be careful that you yourselves aren't pulled along into their sins. Hate every trace of their sin while being merciful to them as sinners. **Jude 1:23b** (TLB)

...hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of his rebellious flesh, in hope that his spirit may be rescued and restored in the day of the Lord. ⁶ Boasting of your tolerance of sin is inappropriate. Don't you understand that even a small compromise with sin permeates the entire fellowship, just as a little leaven permeates a batch of dough? **1 Corinthians 5:5-6**

My spiritual brothers and sisters, if one of our faithful has fallen into a trap and is snared by sin, don't stand idle and watch his demise. Gently restore him, being careful not to step into your own snare. **Galatians 6:1** (VOICE)

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