

# BibleWise

## Discussion Questions – Teaching the Fifth Beatitude by Jeanne Sparks

Read Matthew 5:7

**Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.**

### Qualities of “merciful:”

- Recognizing a need and acting upon it
- Being able to “walk in someone else’s shoes”—thinking and feeling as that individual does
- Loving and appreciating others because God is Love and man is His image and likeness
- Loving unconditionally
- Forgiving and forgetting—not holding something over someone’s head
- Doing unto others as we would have them do unto us.

### Qualities of “mercy:”

- Compassion
- Tenderness
- Pardoning
- Prosperity
- Lovingly blessed
- Reflection of love back to us as we love others.

### Paraphrasing of Beatitude # 5

- Happy are those who sincerely show their care and concern for others, for others will show care and concern for them.
- Happy are those who always praise the good thoughts and actions of others, for they will be praised rather than criticized for their thoughts and actions.

### Create your own paraphrase of Matt 5:7

**Matt 5:7**

**Create a Reward poster for the fifth beatitude.**

**Reward**

- **INSTANTANEOUS APPRECIATION FOR YOU AS AN INDIVIDUAL**
- **Offered daily to all who:**
  - Appreciate everyone else for the good they express.

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