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## UPSIDE-DOWN Series - Episode III

Mercy and Pure in Heart

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God **Mathew 5:7-8**

### Mercy comes with knowledge, then action by you

The difference between mercy & 'pathy'

Pathy - a combining form (pati) occurring in loanwords from Greek, where it meant "suffering," "feeling" . ie compassion - com (with) pati (suffering)

Mercy - latin thanks, grace, paid merchandise, forgiveness, compassion shown toward someone whom it is within YOUR power to punish or harm

As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry." Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. **Luke 7:12-15**

Apathy: the feeling of not having much emotion or interest

Empathy: the intellectual identification of feelings, suffering or state

Sympathy: the feeling that you care about and are sorry about someone else's trouble, grief, misfortune sun (with) pathos (feeling) compassion com (with) pathos (suffering)

Indifference, understanding, action

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Mercy is active like compassion when it applies to you

**If you don't extend it, you won't get it**

Blessed are the merciful, they will be shown mercy

Prostrate - lying stretched out on the ground with one's face downward

**If you need mercy, have your prostrate examined. It's gonna sting a little at first but the alternatives are much worse. Fall on your face before God. Get yourself right with Him and show mercy on others.**

Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God.

Can doing good get you to God? Nope.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **John 14:6**

A person may think their own ways are right, but the LORD weighs the heart. **Pr 21:2**

You want a pure heart, pursue Jesus it's the only way.

For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not from yourselves; it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. **Ephesians 2:8-9**

Give mercy and you will get mercy, and only Jesus can do the work necessary to help you see God. Be actively merciful to those who are at different places in their journey, and seek Jesus.

All scripture is from the New International Version unless otherwise noted.