“RADICAL RULES FOR DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL

ROOTS SERIES” – PT. 7

“THE RULE OF RADICAL MERCY”

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

Matthew 5:7 (NIV)

\*\*Mercy is giving someone what they NEED, not what they DESERVE.\*\*

I. First, I must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ MERCY

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

“He has not punished us as we deserve for all our sins, for his mercy toward those who fear and honor him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far away from us as the east is from the west.” Psalm 103:10-12 (LB)

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’”

Luke 18:13 (NIV)

“The Lord’s love never ends; his mercies never stop. They are new every morning.” Lamentations 3:22-23a (NCV)

II. Then I will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ MERCY

“Show mercy, just as your Father shows mercy.” Luke 6:36 (NCV)

“God will not show mercy when he judges the person who has not been merciful; but mercy triumphs over judgment.” James 2:13 (TEV)

“Since you have been chosen by God who has given you this new kind of life, and because of his deep love and concern for you, you should practice tenderhearted mercy and kindness to others.” Colossians 3:12 (LB)

III. How do I show mercy?

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I tell you, don’t stand up against an evil person. If someone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other cheek also. If someone wants to sue you in court and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. If someone forces you to go with him one mile, go with him two miles. If a person asks you for something, give it to him. Don’t refuse to give to someone who wants to borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemies.’ But I say to you, love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you. If you do this, you will be true children of your Father in heaven. He causes the sun to rise on good people and on evil people, and he sends rain to those who do right and to those who do wrong.” Matthew 5:38-45 (NCV)

* Turn THE OTHER \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Let THEM HAVE YOUR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Go THE SECOND \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TO THE ONE WHO ASKS
* Love YOUR ENEMY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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IV. As I show mercy, I will better KNOW MERCY

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” Matthew 5:7 (NIV)

* KNOW mercy to SHOW mercy
* SHOW mercy to KNOW mercy

“So let us come boldly to the very throne of God and stay there to receive his mercy and to find grace to help us in our times of need.”

Hebrews 4:16 (LB)