

MERCY

The God-given ability to serve and strengthen the body of Christ by ministering to those who suffer physically, emotionally, spiritually, or relationally. Their actions are characterized by love, care, compassion, and kindness toward others.

CHARACTERISTICS:

- They perceive the sufferings of others and effectively minister to them.
- They enjoy finding ways to show others how much God loves them.
- They empathize with hurting people and enter into a healing process with them.
- They see every person as a life that matters to God.
- They know how to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice.

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES:

- John (John 13 (the disciple Jesus loved))
- Dorcas (Acts 9:36)
- Joseph (Genesis 42-45)
- Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

CAUTION

- Develop good boundaries as using your gift can be physically and emotionally draining.
- Using mercy should help people function on their own and become independent again.

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