

Deacon's Beacons

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“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” Matthew 5:7

Just as we cannot expect forgiveness unless we are willing to forgive, we should not expect mercy if we are not merciful with others. Jesus tells the parable of the servant whose debt is forgiven by his master when he could not pay it but then he turns around and demands payment from a fellow servant. The disparity between what he got and what he gave is only part of the message. The parable goes on to say that, because he lacked mercy, the mercy shown to him by his master was withdrawn. The love of God is absolute and understood but that does not allow us to presume on that love and mercy. We have been given a Free Will. God's love will not erase the choices that we freely make against His Divine Will.

Resurrexit sicut dixit!

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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