The Blessedness of the Merciful

Matthew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."

While the fourth beatitude emphasized our inner attitude and relations toward God, this next one focuses on our relationships with those around us. Jesus tells us that those who are merciful towards others are happy and blessed themselves.

In Matt 25:34-36, Jesus gave a list of some of those whom we are called to show mercy to. Who is on that list?_____
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In James 1:27 we are told of two other categories of people God wants us to show mercy to. Who are they? _____
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Can you think of others? _____
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In Matthew 25:40 we are told something amazing about our acts of mercy. What is it?

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Jesus said that the merciful are blessed because they shall obtain mercy also. Psalm 18:25 says the same thing: "With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful." Here are some other verses that contain some wonderful promises to the merciful.

Look them up and write down what you discover:

Psa. 41:1-3 _____
Prov. 19:17 _____
Prov. 14:21 _____
Prov. 11:17 _____

☑ **How Merciful Are You?**

1. Do you show mercy to those who have wronged you by expressing forgiveness and affirming your love for others?
2. Do you take time to minister to the sick, elderly, widows, and fatherless?
3. Do you have a regular way to give to the poor, weak, and hurting of this world?
4. Do you always have to get the best deal or do you show mercy to the neighbor who has to sell their things before they move out of state or the merchant who ordered the wrong item for you? Or the person who doesn't know the value of what they're selling?
5. Do you take good care of your animals or do you mistreat them or allow them to suffer? Prov. 12:10

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Doers of the Word

How are you going to show mercy to someone this week?

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Further Study: Luke 10:29-37