

5 TIPS FOR LIVING A MORE MERCIFUL LIFE

- 1 Hold the door for someone, even when you are in a rush.
- 2 Take time out of your day to ask a co-worker how she is doing.
- 3 See those around you as your brothers and sisters, not your rivals.
- 4 Don't be afraid to enter in to the "chaos" of another person's life.
- 5 Surrender to God's mercy by accepting the merciful acts of others.

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These *5 Tips For Living A More Merciful Life*, offer us some reminders that mercy isn't just a sometimes thing, but it is something that we must work on daily. Mercy isn't just about lessening or not issuing punishment to someone. Mercy involves showing compassion and taking away the burden that someone may feel. To "be merciful as your Father is merciful," (Luke 6:36) means to look at people not as strangers but as family.

We would probably let our brother or sister cut in front of us when we are waiting in traffic. But how do we react when it is a stranger?

We often greet each other by asking, "how are you doing?"
But are we really ready to listen?

Do we accept the aide of others when they offer it?
Or are we too proud or stubborn to let someone show US mercy?

Even though summertime gives us the opportunity to relax and rejuvenate, God still gives us chances to grow closer to him through the encounters we have with others.

**WHICH ONE OF THESE "TIPS" DO YOU NEED TO WORK ON
TO HELP YOU LIVE A MORE MERCIFUL LIFE?**