

MERCY CORNER

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The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinner."

Matthew 9:11-13

God, who is merciful, desires our mercy. Following are some ways to practice mercy during this Jubilee Year. Try to randomly select one act each week and put it into practice.

1. Resist sarcasm; it is the antithesis of mercy: *"Set, O Lord, a guard over my mouth; keep watch, O Lord, at the door of my lips!"* Psalm 141:3
2. Pare down possessions: share your things with the needy.
3. Call someone who you know is lonely, even if you understand *why* they're lonely. *Especially* if you do.