

Let's Show Mercy

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“Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment” (James 2:12-13).

A woman was sitting reading a book as she waited for her bus to start boarding. She had purchased a box of cookies earlier to eat after she boarded the bus. She caught a glimpse of the man munching on a cookie from the seat next to her out of the corner of her eye. When she looked down, she saw that the man had already begun eating the cookies from her package.

The woman found it hard to believe the man would have the nerve to devour her cookies. She cautiously reached over, took one of the cookies, and ate one so she wouldn't lose all of her cookies to him. She watched in awe as the man ate more cookies. The woman ate all but one of the cookies from the package as she grew increasingly irate.

The man reached down and took the last cookie. However, before eating the cookie, he broke it in half and left half of the cookie for the woman. This made the woman so angry, that she grabbed the empty package with the half cookie and crammed it into her purse. Then, to her shock, she noticed that there in her purse was her unopened package of cookies!

Sometimes, when we judge or condemn others, we end up judging and condemning ourselves. Have you ever judged another person too quickly?

We place ourselves in a risky and frequently embarrassing situation when we do that. It is crucial that we pay close attention to what others have to say and, in the vast majority of circumstances, provide the benefit of doubt. Numerous relationships have ended as a result of someone jumping to the wrong conclusion. Because relationships are sensitive, we should treat them as such.

There is One who loves mercy, and He graciously provided it to all of us. Thankfully, we can all get to know Him! Do you?