

Have Mercy On Me!

(Luke 18:35-43)

- Introduction:
1. Generally speaking, we like to think of ourselves as self-sufficient, needing nothing from anyone else.
 2. Because of that mind set, we oftentimes fail to ask for help when we need it the most.
 3. We're ashamed to let others know we need help.
 4. The point of this lesson is to remind us that we all need help, and that false pride can destroy us.

I. Jesus And Pride

- A. (Matthew 5:3).
- B. The poor realize their need, while the rich fail to acknowledge it.
- C. (James 4:6).

II. A Blind Man's Encounter With Jesus (Luke 18:35-43)

- B. Consider the human element
 1. (Luke 18:35).
 1. How did he get there?
 2. Did he have help?
 3. Was he taken advantage of?
- C. Consider the crowd.
 1. (Luke 18:36-39).
 2. They got in his way.
 3. Good people can sometimes carelessly keep others from Jesus.
- D. Consider the blind beggar.
 1. (Luke 18:38-39).
 2. His desperation caused him to throw etiquette to the wind.
 3. How many people will be eternally lost because of fear of what others might think?
- E. Consider Jesus.
 1. (Luke 18:40-42).
 2. Though surrounded by many, Jesus had time for one.
- F. Consider the Result
 1. (Luke 18:43).
 2. Jesus gained a follower and God was glorified.

- Conclusion:
1. Can you find yourself in this story?
 2. May this account help us to be more compassionate, more Christ-like, and more desperate to seek out Jesus.