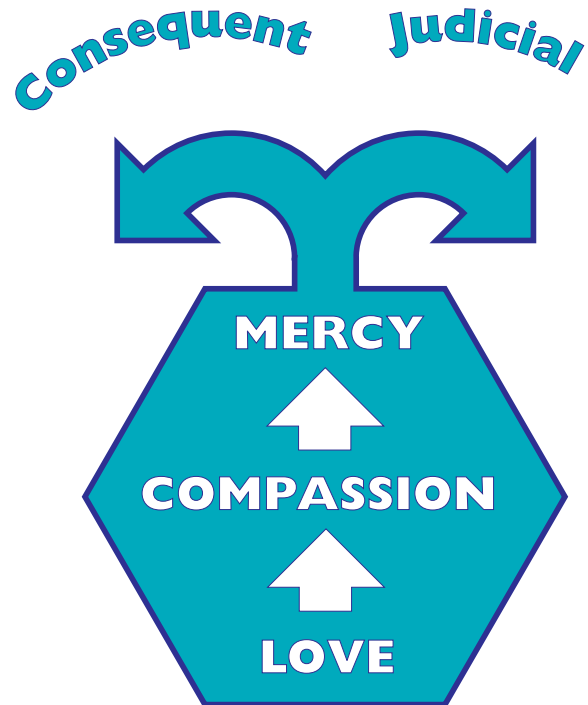
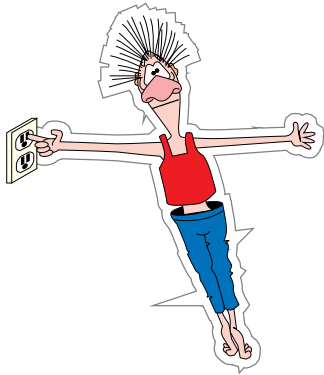


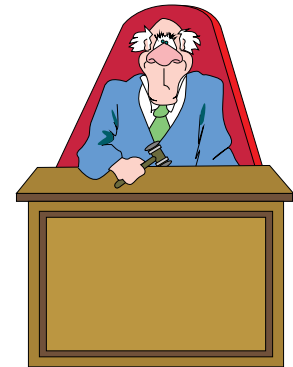
MERCY

is compassion plus trying to relieve someone's suffering.

- already suffering
- mercy shown after suffering begins
- relieve the suffering
 - undeserved
- Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30–37)



- about to suffer
- mercy shown before suffering begins
- prevent the suffering
 - deserved
- Unmerciful Slave (Matt 18:23–35)



- weightier provision of the Law (Matt 23:23)
- spiritual gift of showing mercy (Rom 12:8)
- Dorcas of Joppa did many "deeds of mercy" by making clothes for the poor (Acts 9:36)
 - show mercy cheerfully, not grudgingly (Rom 12:8)
 - sacrifice of time and money
 - rewarded now with happiness (Matt 5:7)
 - rewarded in the future for good works