

Tony and Self Control

I like miracles. One of my first was "Tony". He was and likely still is the world record holder for most time outs in a single day. He spent 45 minutes of every hour climbing the fence and the other 15 watching for a chance to escape. He was almost three years old but could have taught prison inmates a thing or three. He was my plague for months until finally I prayed and asked others to pray.

Then one day as I was pulling him off the fence for the tenth time I found myself saying: "Tony would you rather have "Mercy" or a time out. He said "What is Mercy?" I said "That is where you promise not to do it again and I don't give you a time out."

He said: "I'll have mercy please" BUT to my amazement he kept his word for the entire YEAR ...and he taught me the power of God & of giving children a choice.



On their pillow, by their plate,
Best of all "In their Pocket"...
Verses about "Mercy".
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confidently
approach
the throne of grace
to receive mercy
Hebrew 4:16

that we through the
patience and comfort
of the Scriptures
might have hope.
Romans 15:4

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Have mercy on me,
O God, according to
your steadfast love;
according to
your abundant mercy
Psalm 51:1

abound in hope
by the power of
the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

NKJV

Be merciful,
just as your Father
is merciful.
Luke 6:36

May the God of
hope fill you with
all joy and peace.
Romans 15:13

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according to his mercy,
he saved us, through
the washing of rebirth
and renewing by
the Holy Spirit,
Titus 3:5

I have put
my hope in
your word.
Psalm 119:74

NKJV

God, who is rich
in mercy, made us
alive with Christ
Ephesians 2:4

God goes where his
word goes. Start each
day with a verse in
your pocket and he
will go with you.