

Components of Compassion

Compassion – To sympathize and have mercy **WITHOUT** enabling or judging

A major characteristic that must exist in every Christian is compassion

We are to clothe ourselves with it - Col 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Simply put; we are to BE compassionate - 1 Peter 3:8-9 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. 9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

***Compassion is me, working with others, through their perception, based on God.**

Me being compassionate is what enables me to receive compassion - Matt 7:1-2 - "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, YOU WILL BE JUDGED, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Compassion is us TRULY showing love - 1 Cor 13:4-6 -4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

The main thing that hinders our compassion is "SELF" - Phil 2:3 **DO NOTHING** out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

The evidence will show If you are truly Righteous, because your life will display TRUE compassion

The Righteous care SINCERELY while the wicked's caring is flawed - Prov 12:10 A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.

ONLY the righteous genuinely care how the less fortunate are treated - Prov 29:7 The righteous CARE ABOUT justice for the poor, but the **WICKED HAVE NO SUCH CONCERN.** ***POOR** - dal (dal); weak, needy, poor (man).

How can we BE Truly compassionate?

Make sure you are NEVER the standard of measuring - 2 Cor 10:12 We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, **they are not wise**.

Realize; ALL individual perception is corrupt - Luke 6:41-42 - 41 "**Why** do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 42 How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first **take the plank out of your eye**, and **THEN you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye**."

To know where others are coming from, we must communicate correctly - James 1:19-20 - 19 My dear brothers, **take note of this:** Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

Truly put yourself in other's shoes with the purpose of helping to guide them to the **RIGHT path** - 1 Cor 9:19 Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.

God unconditionally forgave us, we must do the same with others - Eph 4:32 **BE kind** and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, JUST AS in Christ God forgave you.

This displays the dangers of "human compassion" versus "Godly compassion" - Matt 16:21-23 - 21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. 22 **Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"** 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "**GET BEHIND ME, SATAN! YOU ARE A STUMBLING BLOCK TO ME; you do not HAVE IN MIND THE THINGS OF GOD, but the things of men.**"

We must be SINCERE to display REAL compassion

Humility must be Real - Titus 3:2 to slander no one, to **BE peaceable and considerate**, and to **show TRUE HUMILITY toward ALL men**.

Our love must be REAL - Rom 12:9 **LOVE MUST BE SINCERE**. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

The only way to gain TRUE sincerity is through obeying the Word - 1 Peter 1:22 Now that you have purified yourselves BY OBEYING THE TRUTH so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.

UNDERSTAND, Godly compassion helps people in NEED without enabling people - Gal 6:1-5 - Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him GENTLY. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. 2 **CARRY EACH OTHER'S BURDENS**, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 3 If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else, 5 for **EACH ONE SHOULD CARRY HIS OWN LOAD**.

Like Jesus, we are NOT here to express US to others, but to allow God to be expressed through us to all - John 12:47-50 - 47 "As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. 48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. 49 For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. 50 **I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.**"