

# A Life Of Compassion

*“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.” 1 Peter 3:8 (English Standard Version)*

An \_\_\_-year-old reminds us of the value of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Compassion, A Divine Quality

- A. Genesis 43:30 - \_\_\_\_\_ sought somewhere to \_\_\_\_\_, he was so overcome by seeing his brother \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. God’s compassion for His people:
1. 2 Chronicles 36:15 - God sent \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel because He had \_\_\_\_\_ on them.
  2. Isaiah 54:7,8 - His wrath was for a \_\_\_\_\_, but His love is \_\_\_\_\_; so He had \_\_\_\_\_ on them.
  3. Hosea 11:1-4,8 - God was like a \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel; His compassion grew \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Jesus’ compassion on those He served:
1. Matthew 9:36 - He felt it toward the \_\_\_\_\_, who were scattered like \_\_\_\_\_ without a \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Matthew 15:32 - Compassion led to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_!
  3. Mark 6:31,34 - Despite Jesus’ plan for a day of \_\_\_\_\_, His compassion led Him to \_\_\_\_\_ many things, and feed them.
  4. Luke 7:11-13 - He had compassion for the \_\_\_\_\_.

## Christians Are Called To Live A Life Of Compassion

- A. Christ’s call to imitate divine compassion:
1. Luke 10:33 - Only the \_\_\_\_\_ helped, because he was the one who had \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Luke 15:20,28 - The \_\_\_\_\_ welcomed the son because of his compassion, but his \_\_\_\_\_ didn’t.
  3. Matthew 18:27 - The \_\_\_\_\_ forgave the \_\_\_\_\_ because of compassion, but the servant didn’t.
  4. Ephesians 4:32 - To be \_\_\_\_\_ is to feel the compassion of Christ toward one \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. 1 Peter 3:8 - “Have \_\_\_\_\_ love, a \_\_\_\_\_ heart, and a \_\_\_\_\_ mind.”
- B. Luke 15:20 - We \_\_\_\_\_ the trait shown by this \_\_\_\_\_ - we know we need it! But are we like him or the \_\_\_\_\_?

What keeps me from showing compassion to others?

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