

COMPASSION

2 Timothy 3:1–5 NKJV

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Psalms 145:8–9 NKJV

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. 9 The Lord is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works.

1. MOVED WITH COMPASSION

MATTHEW 9:36-38 NKJV

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

MATTHEW 15:32 NKJV

Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

2. COMPASSION HEALS

MATTHEW 14:14 NKJV

And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. Jesus'

Galatians 5:6 AMPC

For [if we are] in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith activated *and* energized *and* expressed *and* working through love.

Matthew 20:33–34 NKJV

They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened." 34 So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

Mark 1:40-41

And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

In every instance where Jesus was moved with compassion, the person or persons were delivered.

Human sympathy says, "I know how you feel; I'm so sorry." Divine compassion says, "I feel how you feel." And it brings deliverance. Jesus felt as Mary and Martha felt as He groaned within and also wept. — Reidt

John 11:33–36 NKJV

Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. 34 And He said, "Where have you laid him?"

They said to Him, "Lord, come and see."

35 Jesus wept. 36 Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"

3. ENTER INTO HIS COMPASSION

The works that Jesus did were born out of love and compassion. The works that the believing ones shall do, including prayer, are products of sharing in His ministry of love and compassion.

1 JOHN 3:1 NKJV

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. . . .

That love is inside your spirit if you are born again. But you are the one who has to will to put it into practice. You choose to let that love loose from within you.