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Compassion and Faith

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INTRODUCTION

The study guide you hold in your hands has been designed based on thirteen episodes of ministry of our Lord Jesus. I call them “Act of Compassion and Faith,” because they reveal the love and compassion of Jesus for mankind and the faith that we must have in Christ Jesus.

Each one of these acts of compassion has been connected to a basic Biblical doctrine. As you will see, each chapter has three sections: STUDY, LEARN, and SHARE. I believe that model should be applied to the spiritual and Christian life of the believer.

A daily study of the Bible and its teachings will give direction to the believer; but sharing with others what has been studied and learned from Jesus will give the believer true growth in his/her spiritual life.

The Share section is a practical application of what has been studied in each chapter. There are several suggestions of what can be done for others with the compassion of Jesus.

The guide “Acts of Compassion and Faith” will be more beneficial if it is studied with a small group, with family or at church. Together you can share an act of compassion with others.

May God bless you as you live a life of compassion for Jesus.

Jorge I. Aguero
Author

LESSON 1

THE COMPASSIONATE SHEPHERD



STUDY

Matthew 9:35-37

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. ³⁶ But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. ³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.



LEARN

- 1- What was the distinctive trait that Jesus had for people?

Matthew 9:36

A: _____

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2- In which three areas of ministry was Jesus moved by compassion?

Matthew 9:35

A: _____

A: _____

A: _____

3- What did Jesus say about who he was?

John 14:6

A: _____

4- Being that Jesus is God, how is his character as God? **1**

John 4:8

A: _____

5- What was Jesus' main mission for coming to this world?

Luke 19:10; Luke 4:16-19

A: _____

6- What do we obtain in Jesus Christ?

John 6:47

A: _____

7- What is the invitation that Jesus makes?

Matthew 11:28

A: _____

DECISION:

- *Accept Jesus as my personal Savior.*
- *Follow his teachings in my daily life and be his disciple.*
- *Share with others the love and compassion of Jesus.*

Signature



SHARE

MEDITATIONAL THOUGHT

“We are to minister to the sick, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, and to instruct the ignorant.”
Counsels on Stewardship, 162.

**ACT OF COMPASSION
WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

With God’s help, aim to minister to at least two people in need, with the compassion of Jesus, during this week. Some activities you can consider doing by yourself, with your family or with your small group:

SUGGESTIONS:

- Become a volunteer to help one day in a nursing home.
- Become a volunteer in a children’s shelter.
- Offer yourself as a volunteer in a hospital.
- Clean the house of someone who is sick or in need.
- Visit someone who is ill.
- Other _____

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Write about what you did and how people reacted: _____

YOUR TESTIMONY: _____

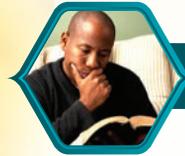


PRAYER

“Loving Father, please help me to have a compassionate heart like Jesus. As I go out and walk the streets of my city and find people in need, may I be willing to minister to them by teaching, preaching or doing a good deed. In the name of Jesus, Amen.”

LESSON 2

COMPASSION FOR THE ONES IN NEED



STUDY

Matthew 15:32-37

³² Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.”

³³ Then His disciples said to Him, “Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven, and a few little fish.”

³⁵ So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. ³⁶ And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude. ³⁷ So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left.



LEARN

- 1- Why did Jesus have compassion over the people of this story?

Matthew 15:32

A: _____

- 2- What are some excuses for not taking care of people's needs?

Matthew 15:33

R: _____

- 3- What did Jesus command his disciples in the passage of the feeding of the five thousand?

See Matthew 14:15-16

A: _____

Note: There are people who are not in need of physical nourishment but spiritual nourishment.

Jesus taught that, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" Matthew 4:4. What proceeds from the mouth of God is the Word of God.

- 4- What did Jesus say about himself and his word?

John 6:32-35, 48, 63

A: _____

5- What should we do with the Word of God?

Jeremiah 15:16, John 5:39

A: _____

Romans 10:13-14

R: _____

6- Who inspired and what benefits do we receive when we study the Scriptures (the Word of God)?

2 Timothy 3:15-17

A: _____

7- How can a young person or an adult have a good walk in the path of life?

Psalm 119:9, 11

A: _____

DECISION:

- *Accept the Bible as the Word of God.*
- *Dedicate time to study the Bible.*
- *Obey the Bible's teachings and practice them in my daily life.*

Signature



SHARE

MEDITATIONAL THOUGHT

“The want and wretchedness in the world are constantly appealing to our compassion and sympathy, and the Saviour declares that ministry to the afflicted and suffering is the service most pleasing to Him. “Is it not,” He says, “to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?” Counsels on Stewardship, 161-162.

ACT OF COMPASSION WHAT CAN YOU DO?

With God’s help, aim to minister with the compassion of Jesus to at least two families or people.

SUGGESTIONS:

- Prepare two bags of food for two families in need.
- Take warm food to two people that have nothing to eat.
- Share the Word of God with someone who needs spiritual nourishment.
- Other: _____

Write the names of the two families or people that you will minister to: _____

Their reaction: _____

YOUR TESTIMONY: _____



PRAYER

“Loving Father, please help me have a compassionate heart like Jesus. May I fulfill your command to ‘Break bread with the hungry’. May I also share your Word with those that are hungry for it. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

LESSON 3

COMPASSION FOR A FATHER



STUDY

Luke 9:37-43

³⁷ Now it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him. ³⁸ Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, “Teacher, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my only child.” ³⁹ And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams at the mouth; and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him. ⁴⁰ So I implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.”

⁴¹ Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴² And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

⁴³ And they were all amazed at the majesty of God.



LEARN

- 1- What was the father's request, or prayer, that Jesus listened to in this story?

Luke 9:38

A: _____

- 2- Do you consider listening to people's requests an act of compassion? Why?

A: _____

- 3- What precious assurance does God give us about our requests?

Jeremiah 33:3; Psalm 120:1; Matthew 7:7

A: _____

- 4- How can we look for God?

Daniel 9:3

A: _____

- 5- According to the following story, what is prayer?

1 Samuel 1:9-15

A: _____

- 6- Why is faith necessary when we pray?

Hebrews 11:1, 6

A: _____

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7- How is faith developed and in whom should we place it?

Romans 10:17; Hebrews 12:2

A: _____

DECISION:

- *Develop the habit of praying daily.*
- *Trust in God while praying.*
- *Take time to develop my faith by studying the Word of God.*
- *Pray in private for others.*

Signature



SHARE

MEDITATIONAL THOUGHT

“Often prayer is solicited for the afflicted, the sorrowful, the discouraged; and this is right. We should pray that God will shed light into the darkened mind and comfort the sorrowful heart. But God answers prayer for those who place themselves in the channel of His blessings.”
The Ministry of Healing, 226.

ACT OF COMPASSION WHAT CAN YOU DO?

SUGGESTIONS:

- *Personally pray with at least two people who are in need.*

- Fill a card with the names of the people that you have prayed for.
- Hand over the names to the small group and prayer ministry of your church to pray for them.
- Other: _____

Write the names of the two people to pray for in the small group:

Prayer Request: _____

YOUR TESTIMONY: _____



PRAYER

“Loving Father, please help me be a person who is consistent with, and passionate about prayer. May I have a list of people for whom I could pray for every day. Give me the privilege of witnessing my prayers being answered in the lives of others. In the name of Jesus, Amen.”

LESSON 4

COMPASSION FOR THE DISTRESSED



STUDY

Matthew 4:22-24 (NIV)

²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.

John 14:1-3 (NKJV)

¹“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father’s house are many mansions; [a] if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.



LEARN

- 1- What did Jesus proclaim while he traveled throughout Galilee? What do you think that proclamation entailed?

Matthew 4:23

A: _____

- 2- What is the remedy for someone who is anguished, sick and suffering?

John 14:1

A: _____

- 3- What promise made by Jesus can you find that will put an end to this distressed world and why?

John 14:2-3

A: _____

- 4- 4. How will the second coming of Jesus be?

Acts 1:11

A: _____

Luke 21:27

A: _____

Matthew 25:31

A: _____

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5- What is the purpose of the second coming of Jesus?

2 Timothy 4:1;

A: _____

Matthew 16:27

A: _____

6- Are we in darkness regarding the second coming of Jesus?

1 Thessalonians 5:1-4

A: _____

7- What will be the last fulfillment for the return of Jesus?

Matthew 24:14

A: _____

DECISION:

- *Get prepared for the Second Coming of Jesus.*
- *Tell others about the Coming of Jesus.*
- *Support, with my influences and resources, the preaching of the gospel.*

Signature



SHARE

MEDITATIONAL THOUGHT

“We have long been looking and waiting for the coming of the Lord; but are we doing all in our power to hasten his coming?
“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men

count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” While the Lord is ever working, while all heaven is engaged in the work on earth to draw men to Christ and repentance, what are the human agents doing to be channels of light, that they may cooperate with the divine agencies? Are they daily inquiring, “Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?”
Ye Shall Receive Power, 176.

ACT OF COMPASSION WHAT CAN YOU DO?

SUGGESTIONS:

- A way to show compassion is by making the blessed hope of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ known to others who don't know him.
- Find literature that talks about the Second Coming of Jesus and share it with your friends, or family. You can also go with your small group or anyone else to the surroundings of your community and hand out the literature.
- Invite someone to your small group that he or she may hear the gospel of Jesus and prepare for his coming.
- Other: _____

YOUR TESTIMONY: _____

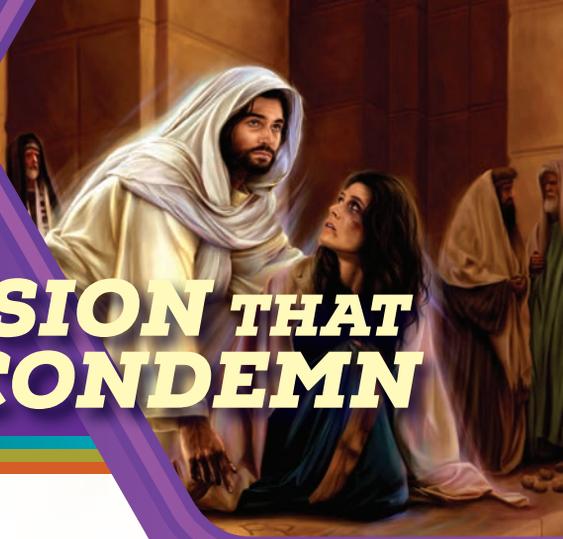


PRAYER

“Loving Father, recognizing your imminent coming, I choose to be ready for when you come again. Help me preach to others about your return to this earth. Help me invite someone to the small group that he or she may hear your Word. In the name of Jesus, Amen.”

LESSON 5

COMPASSION THAT DOES NOT CONDEMN



STUDY

John 8:3-11

³ Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, ⁴ they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. ⁵ Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?” ⁶ This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear.

⁷ So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” ⁸ And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.⁹ Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. ¹⁰ When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?”

¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.”

And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”



LEARN

- 1- What do you think was the problem of the woman and other people in this passage?

John 8:3, 4, 7

A: _____

- 2- What act of compassion did Jesus make in this story?

John 8:11

A: _____

- 3- What should our attitude be toward those who make mistakes or sin?

Galatians 6:1

A: _____

- 4- According to the Bible, what is sin?

1 John 3:4

A: _____

- 5- Those who practice sin, to whom do they submit?

1 John 3:8

A: _____

- 6- What are the spiritual consequences of sin and the final result?

Isaiah 59:2; Romans 6:23

A: _____

7- What should the sinner do to receive forgiveness of his or her sins?

Acts 2:37-38;

A: _____

1 John 1:9

A: _____

8- How can we obtain victory over sin?

James 4:7

A: _____

DECISION:

- *Submit myself to God's will.*
- *Depart from evil and seek for what is good.*
- *Seek repentance and confess sins.*

Signature



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MEDITATIONAL THOUGHT

“We are not to condemn others; this is not our work; but we should love one another and pray for one another. When we see one err from the truth, then we may weep over him as Christ wept over Jerusalem. Let us see what our heavenly Father in His word says about the erring: “If a man be over-

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taken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." 2 Testimony Treasures, 114.

ACT OF COMPASSION WHAT CAN YOU DO?

SUGGESTIONS:

- Visit a brother or sister who has been away from church.
- Send a card expressing love and compassion.
- Prepare a special welcome in your small group for some one that does not come to church anymore
- Other: _____

Remember the words of Jesus: "Neither do I condemn you".

Write the names of two people or families who need a visit of compassion: _____

What was their reaction towards your visit?: _____

YOUR TESTIMONY: _____

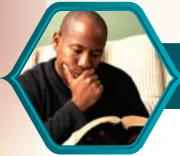


PRAYER

“Loving Father, forgive my sinful life and cleanse me from evil. Please, help me to not be the type of person that is quick to condemn others. May I have a compassionate heart for those who make mistakes. May I forgive those who have hurt me. Help me be a blessing for someone who needs to return to church. In the name of Jesus, Amen”

LESSON 6

COMPASSION FOR THE POOR



STUDY

Matthew 19:16-22

¹⁶ Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

¹⁷ So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

¹⁸ He said to Him, “Which ones?”

Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’¹⁹ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

²⁰ The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth.[f] What do I still lack?”

²¹ Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.



LEARN

- 1- What did Jesus tell the young man to do if he wanted to be perfect?

Matthew 19:21

A: _____

- 2- What should we do with the poor? Give some practical examples:

A: _____

- 3- According to the passage, why do you think the commandments are important and what should we do with them?

Matthew 19:17

A: _____

- 4- Who wrote the commandments and how?

Exodus 31:18

A: _____

- 5- How many commandments does the law of God have?

Exodus 20:3-17

A: _____

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6- What does the law of God reveal?

1 John 3:4

A: _____

7- Did Jesus make any changes to the commandments?

Matthew 5:17-18

A: _____

8- How many commandments should we obey?

James 2:10

A: _____

DECISION:

- *Love God and respect his law.*
- *With God's power and grace, obey all of his commandments.*

Signature



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MEDITATIONAL THOUGHT

“It should be written upon the conscience as with a pen of iron upon a rock, that he who disregards mercy, compassion, and righteousness, he who neglects the poor, who ignores the needs of suffering humanity, who is not kind and courteous, is so conducting himself that God cannot cooperate with him in the development of character.” – 2 Testimony Treasures, 500.

**ACT OF COMPASSION
WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

SUGGESTIONS:

Make plans this week to go with your small group, someone else, or alone, to a place where you can meet a need. For example:

- Visit a nursing home.
- Visit a homeless shelter.
- Visit an orphanage.
- Go to a street in the city where you can find people in need.

Write the name of the place where you made your visit of compassion:

What reaction did you get from your visit?: _____

YOUR TESTIMONY: _____



PRAYER

“Loving Father, help me live the law of love, to ‘have compassion for the suffering humanity, piety for the less fortunate, a generous consideration towards the needs and feelings of the poor, those with problems and the disheartened’. In the name of Jesus, Amen.”

LESSON 7

A SPECIAL DAY FOR COMPASSION



STUDY

Matthew 12:9-13

⁹ Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue. ¹⁰ And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—that they might accuse Him.

¹¹ Then He said to them, “What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? ¹² Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” ¹³ Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.



LEARN

1- What were the two things that Jesus did on the Sabbath?

Matthew 12:9, 13

A: _____

2- What is allowed to be done on the Sabbath day?

Matthew 9: 10,11

A: _____

3- What should we not do during the Sabbath?

Isaiah 58:13-14

A: _____

4- According to the law of God, which day is the day of rest?

Exodus 20:8-11

A: _____

5- For whose benefit was the Sabbath given?

Mark 2:27

A: _____

6- Who instituted the Sabbath and when?

Genesis 2:1-3

A: _____

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7- What three things did God do with the Sabbath?

Genesis 2:3

A: _____

8- What two things did Jesus do on the Sabbath that I should imitate?

Luke 4:16

A: _____

Mark 3:3-5

A: _____

DECISION:

- *Observe the Sabbath as taught in the Bible.*
- *Attend church during the Sabbath like Jesus did.*
- *Perform works of compassion during the Sabbath day.*

Signature



SHARE

MEDITATIONAL THOUGHT

“The Sabbath is not intended to be a period of useless inactivity. The law forbids secular labor on the rest day of the Lord; the toil that gains a livelihood must cease; no labor for worldly pleasure or profit is lawful upon that day; but as God ceased His labor of creating, and rested upon the Sabbath and blessed it, so man is to leave the occupations of his daily life,

and devote those sacred hours to healthful rest, to worship, and to holy deeds. – Desire of Ages, 207.

**ACT OF COMPASSION
WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

During the Sabbath day you can share the compassion of Jesus in different ways.

SUGGESTIONS:

- Invite a friend who is visiting church to go eat at your home.
- Invite a member of your church who you know is not employed, or has no family, to go eat at your house.
- Visit someone who is sick.
- Other _____

Write down the invitation date and the people you will invite or visit: _____

What was your invitees' reaction or of those whom you visited?:

YOUR TESTIMONY: _____

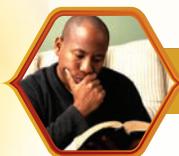


PRAYER

“Loving Father, thank you for the blessing of the Sabbath. Help me keep it according to the commandment. May I worship you, enjoy the company of family, and share acts of compassion with those in need during the Sabbath. In the name of Jesus, Amen.”

LESSON 8

COMPASSION FOR THE ONES IN MOURNING



STUDY

Luke 7:11-17

¹¹ Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. ¹² And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴ Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵ So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. ¹⁶ Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen up among us”; and, “God has visited His people.” ¹⁷ And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region



LEARN

- 1- What two reasons could we give as to why Jesus had compassion for the woman?

Luke 7:12

A: _____

- 2- Do you think it is enough to tell someone who is mourning, “don’t cry”? What else did Jesus do?

Luke 7:13-14

A: _____

- 3- Since we cannot resurrect the dead, what can we do to show compassion to those who are mourning?

A: _____

- 4- What did Jesus compare death to?

John 11:11,13; Matthew 9:24

A: _____

- 5- So, what is the state of those who are dead?

Ecclesiastes 9:5-6

A: _____

- 6- Understanding what death is::

Note: To understand death, first we have to understand how life was formed in man. Genesis 2:7 says: “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and

breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being”.

Life = dust of the ground + God’s breath of life = living being.

So what is death?

The process in reverse of how life was formed in man.

Ecclesiastes 12:7

A: _____

7- What practice is forbidden by God regarding death?

Deuteronomy 18:10-11

A: _____

8- Is there hope in regards to the problem of death?

John 11:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A: _____

DECISION:

- *Believe that Jesus is the author of life.*
- *Believe in the teaching of resurrection.*
- *Share the hope of resurrection with those in mourning.*

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MEDITATIONAL THOUGHT

“Christ was a close observer, noticing many things that others passed by. He was ever helpful, ever ready to speak words of hope and sympathy to the discouraged and the bereaved. He allowed the crowd to press round Him, and complained not, though sometimes almost lifted off His feet. When He met a funeral, He did not pass by indifferently. Sadness came over His face as He looked upon death, and He wept with the mourners.” *The Upward Look*, 57.

ACT OF COMPASSION WHAT CAN YOU DO?

One of the most difficult events in a human’s life is the death of a loved one. A person in mourning needs our compassion and our condolences.

SUGGESTIONS:

If you know of someone, near or far from you, who has recently lost a loved one, show your compassion.

- Offer a visit for prayer.
- Send a card to someone in mourning.
- Offer to help with anything that needs to be taken care of.
- Other: _____

What was that person’s reaction?: _____

YOUR TESTIMONY: _____



PRAYER

“Loving Father, I want to show your compassion to those who are now suffering and crying for the loss of a loved one. May I bring comfort and hope to the brokenhearted. In the name of Jesus, Amen.”

LESSON 9

COMPASSION FOR THE SICK



STUDY

Matthew 14:14

¹⁴ And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick..

Mark 1:40-42

⁴⁰ Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

⁴¹ Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." ⁴² As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.



LEARN

- 1- What does Jesus' compassion do in these stories?
Matthew 14:14; Mark 1:40-42

A: _____

2- Why do you think Jesus desires to heal people?

3 John 2

A: _____

3- Why does God say that we should take care of the human body?

1 Corinthians 6:19; 1 Corinthians 3:16

A: _____

4- What is the basic principle in caring for our health?

1 Corinthians 10:31

A: _____

5- How does the Bible call meats that are not beneficial to eat and that were prohibited by God?

Leviticus 11:3-20

A: _____

6- Why shouldn't we ingest alcoholic beverages?

Proverbs 20:1

A: _____

7- Why should we not do drugs, tobacco, drink coffee or other stimulant drinks?

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

A: _____

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8- Besides physical health, what other type of health does God want us to have?

3 John 2

A: _____

DECISION:

- *Honor God by taking care of my physical, mental and spiritual health.*
- *Abstain myself from everything that hurts my body.*
- *Be an example to others so they will take care of their health.*

Signature



SHARE

MEDITATIONAL THOUGHT

“Christ sought the people where they were and placed before them the great truths in regard to His kingdom. As He went from place to place, He blessed and comforted the suffering and healed the sick. This is our work. Small companies are to go forth to do the work to which Christ appointed His disciples. While laboring as evangelists they can visit the sick, praying with them...” – Counsels on Health, 501.

**ACT OF COMPASSION
WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

A nice opportunity to show the compassion of Jesus is by visiting those who are sick.

SUGGESTIONS:

- With your small group, or someone else, visit a hospital.
- Visit a sick church member or friend.
- Help someone ill by cleaning around their house.

Note: Remember not to talk about the illness, rather talk about Jesus and his power to heal. Visits should be short and encouraging. A visit to someone who is sick should not be a Bible study.

Ask for prayer for the following persons you will visit or have visited : _____

What was their reaction to your visit?: _____

YOUR TESTIMONY: _____



PRAYER

“Loving Father, thank you for desiring physical and spiritual health for me. Help me take care of myself and to be a blessing to those whose health is broken. In the name of Jesus, Amen.”

LESSON 10

A WIDOW'S COMPASSION



STUDY

Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”



LEARN

- 1- What did the widow do? Does compassion give the leftovers or does it give everything it has? Justify your answer.

Mark 12:44

A: _____

- 2- Who is watching when we give our offerings and what is he observing?

Mark 12:41, 44

A: _____

- 3- What kind of offerings should be taken to church?

Deuteronomy 12:11

A: _____

- 4- What is a tithe, and how should we tithe?

Leviticus 27:30-32

A: _____

Note: Tithe proceeds from the Latin word decimus and it is linked with a decimal (the tenth part of something).

- 5- Why should we return the tithe to God?

Psalms 24:1; Haggai 2:8

A: _____

- 6- Since God is the owner of everything, including money, then what are we to God?

1 Peter 4:10

A: _____

Note: The Bible makes reference that we are all accountable for our stewardship. See Luke 12:41-43.

- 7- What blessing does God promise for those who are faithful with their tithe and offerings?

Malachi 3:10

A: _____

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DECISION:

- *Be a faithful administrator and steward of God's possessions.*
- *Be compassionate while helping others with the resources that God gives me.*

Signature



SHARE

MEDITATIONAL THOUGHT

“Pure and undefiled religion is “to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” James 1:27. Our church members are greatly in need of a knowledge of practical godliness. They need to practice self-denial and self-sacrifice. They need to give evidence to the world that they are Christlike. Therefore the work that Christ requires of them is not to be done by proxy, placing on some committee or some institution the burden that they themselves should bear. They are to become Christlike in character by giving of their means and time, their sympathy, their personal effort, to help the sick, to comfort the sorrowing, to relieve the poor, to encourage the desponding, to enlighten souls in darkness, to point sinners to Christ, to bring home to hearts the obligation of God’s law.”

2 Testimony Treasures, 501.

**ACT OF COMPASSION
WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

This week you can show the compassion of Jesus to women in need.

SUGGESTIONS:

- Surprise a widow or a single mother with a special gift.
- Visit a shelter for women in your community.
- Other: _____

Pray for the people you will visit this week: _____

What was their reaction to your visit?: _____

YOUR TESTIMONY: _____

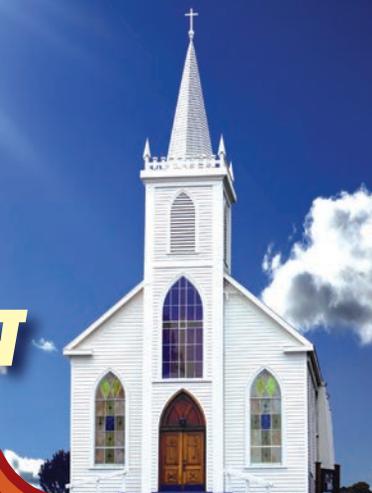


PRAYER

“Loving Father, help me be a good steward of what you grant me and be able to share it with those who are in need. In the name of Jesus, Amen”

LESSON 11

A PLACE FOR COMPASSION



STUDY

Matthew 21:12-17 (NIV)

¹² Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. ¹³ “It is written,” he said to them, “My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’”

¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant.

¹⁶ “Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him. “Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read, “From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise’?”

¹⁷ And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.



LEARN

1- Where and how did Jesus show compassion for those who were sick? **Matthew 21:12, 14**

A: _____

2- Mention at least three things that the house of God should be. **Matthew 21:13, 14, 15, 16**

A: _____

3- What custom did Jesus have that we should follow? **Luke 4:16**

A: _____

4- What is the mission of the church? **Matthew 4:23**

A: _____

5- Who founded the Christian church? **Matthew 16:16-18**

A: _____

6- What two characteristics should the church of God have? **Revelation 12:17**

A: _____

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7- What example should the church follow?

John 13:15

A: _____

DECISION:

- *If you are still not a member of a church, ask to join one.*
- *Be a faithful and active member of the church.*

Signature



SHARE

MEDITATIONAL THOUGHT

The church of Christ is organized for service. Its watchword is ministry.” – Ministry of Healing 148.

The monotony of our service for God needs to be broken up. Every church member should be engaged in some line of service for the Master. Some cannot do so much as others, but everyone should do his utmost to roll back the tide of disease and distress that is sweeping over our world.

Ministry of Healing 149.

ACT OF COMPASSION WHAT CAN YOU DO?

SUGGESTIONS:

- Prepare a nice invitation card and give it to several people for whom you’ve been praying during this time, inviting them to accompany you to church.

- A good opportunity for inviting people to your church is during the special “Day of Friends of Compassion”; if your church holds such event.

Make a list of friends and family who you would like to invite to church: _____

What could you do to make your invitees feel special in your church?: _____

YOUR TESTIMONY: _____



PRAYER

“Loving Father, I want to help your church be a place where people who come will feel welcomed and loved. I pray that my friends will accept the invitation and have an encounter with you in your house of prayer. In the name of Jesus, Amen.”

LESSON 12

COMPASSION FOR SOMEONE RELIGIOUS



STUDY

John 3:1-5, 9-10,14-15

¹There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but[a] have eternal life.



LEARN

1- Who was Nicodemus?

John 3:1, 10

A: _____

2- Was Nicodemus' need material or spiritual? Give reasons for your answer.

A: _____

3- How did Jesus show compassion towards Nicodemus?

John 3:2, 3, 5-8

A: _____

4- What did Jesus mean when he answered Nicodemus that he needed to “be born of water and the Spirit”? What does that imply?

A: _____

Note: Being born of water is a symbol of baptism, and being born of the Spirit is a symbol of the baptism of the Holy Spirit for a person's spiritual change. John the Baptist baptized with water but said that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit. Mark 1:8.

5- What example did Jesus give in relation with baptism?

Matthew 3:13

A: _____

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6- Why do you think that baptism is necessary?

Mark 16:16

A: _____

7- What does baptism symbolize?

Romans 6:3-4

A: _____

8- To what divine institution are the baptized united to?

Acts 2:41, 42, 47

A: _____

DECISION:

- Believe in Jesus.
- Get baptized as the biblical teaching says.
- Be a faithful member of a local church.

Signature



SHARE

MEDITATIONAL THOUGHT

“In order to serve God acceptably, we must be “born again.” Our natural dispositions, which are in opposition to the Spirit of God, must be put away. We must be made new men and women in Christ Jesus. Our old, unrenewed lives must give place to a new life—a life full of love, of trust, of willing obedience. Think you

that such a change is not necessary for entrance into the kingdom of God? Listen to the words of the Majesty of heaven: “Ye must be born again.” “Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.” – Ye Shall Receive Power, 24.

**ACT OF COMPASSION
WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

SUGGESTIONS:

- If you are not baptized, I want to invite you to make a decision today to do so in the next opportunity your church gives.
- If you are baptized like Nicodemus, go to Jesus and he will tell you what you need.
- Invite your friends to witness a baptismal ceremony in your church.
- Go out to distribute “free water,” Jesus is the Water of Life, with your small group.

Make a list of friends and family who you would like to invite to a baptismal ceremony. _____

YOUR TESTIMONY: _____



PRAYER

“Loving Father, I want to experience rebirth in my life. Help me share your gospel with others and prepare them to experience being born again. In the name of Jesus, Amen.”

LESSON 13

THE GREATEST ACT OF COMPASSION



STUDY

Mathew 27:22-31

²² Pilate said to them, “What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”

They all said to him, “Let Him be crucified!”

²³ Then the governor said, “Why, what evil has He done?”

But they cried out all the more, saying, “Let Him be crucified!”

²⁴ When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it.”

²⁵ And all the people answered and said, “His blood be on us and on our children.”

²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. ²⁸ And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. ²⁹ When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰ Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.



LEARN

1- Why do you think Jesus' sacrifice was the greatest act of compassion?

A: _____

2- What was, and still is, humanity's greatest problem?

Romans 5:23; 3:23

A: _____

3- What provision did God make to save people?

John 3:16

A: _____

4- How did Jesus describe his mission?

Luke 19:10

A: _____

5- Did Jesus sin?

Hebrews 4:15

A: _____

6- How did Jesus pay humanity's debt?

Isaiah 53:3-7

A: _____

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7- How should the sinner respond towards God's greatest act of compassion?

Acts 16:30-31

A: _____

DECISION:

- *Accept the sacrifice of Jesus in my behalf.*
- *Share the love of God with others.*

Signature



SHARE

MEDITATIONAL THOUGHT

“Christ’s death proves God’s great love for man. It is our pledge of salvation. To remove the cross from the Christian would be like blotting the sun from the sky. The cross brings us near to God, reconciling us to Him. With the relenting compassion of a father’s love, Jehovah looks upon the suffering that His Son endured in order to save the race from eternal death, and accepts us in the Beloved.” – The Acts of the Apostles, 209.

ACT OF COMPASSION WHAT CAN YOU DO?

While studying the subject of God’s greatest act of compassion, the death of Jesus in the cross of Calvary for your salvation and that of others; here are some ideas of what you may do:

SUGGESTIONS:

- Thank God and renew your vow to give him your life.
- In a personal manner, invite someone on your prayer list to accept Jesus as their personal Savior.
- Donate blood to a health institute in your community. This is an activity that you can arrange to do with your small group.
- Other: _____

Who would you like to invite to accept Jesus into his or her life?

YOUR TESTIMONY: _____



PRAYER

“Loving Father, recognizing your great love for me as you died in the cross of Calvary, I decide to give my life to you today. Help me share your love and compassion with others. Give me the joy to work in reaching others, that they may meet you and that you may save them. I surrender my life and all I have to your service. In the name of Jesus, Amen.”

PROMISES OF GOD



The section PROMISES OF GOD is intended to be treasured in your mind (STUDY) and in your heart (LEARN) so that you can give hope to others (SHARE) and show the compassion of God with any person who needs the Divine intervention.

Some ways you can use God's Promises is by memorizing them, meditating on them in your personal devotion, discussing them in your small group, and sharing them with friends and people who need a promise from God.

The Bible records more than 3,000 promises. Here are just a few promises from God that can be a blessing in your life and others.

God has promised forgiveness

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9, NKJV.

God promises a new heart

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26, NKJV

God promises eternal life

“And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life.” 1 John 2:25, NKJV

God has promised deliverance from fear

“I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4 NKJV.

God promises to answer your prayers

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7, NKJV.

God promises to give you peace

“You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.” Isaiah 26:3, NKJV.

God promises to bless your faithfulness

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.” Malachi 3:10, NKJV.

Salvation for our children

“For I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children.” Isaiah 49:25, NKJV

God promises supply your needs

“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19, NKJV.

God’s promises an end to death, suffering and pain

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed.” Revelation 21:4 NKJV.

God promises the second coming

“In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” John 14:2-3, NKJV.