

Put on a HEART of COMPASSION

Colossians 3:12-13

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- The word compassion comes from Latin and means to "suffer with." (Matt. 9:36).
- There is real feeling involved (Eph. 4:32).
- There is a necessary downward focus (Matt. 18:27).
- Compassion moves to relieve the suffering (Lk. 10:33).

CAUTIONS

- Pride kills compassion (Lk. 18:11; Gen. 4:6-8).
- Untethered compassion is a curse to the recipient (1 Kings 21:4-7).
- Compassion keeps a constant eye on the eternal (Jn. 6:26-27).
- We cannot carry the weight of the world (Ecc. 4:1-3).

PRACTICED COMPASSION

- Be humbled by the compassion you have received (1 Tim. 1:15).
- Contemplate the gravity of eternity (2 Cor. 5:10).
- Consider the suffering of sin (Heb. 4:15).
- Let your heart be broken (Matt. 5:4).
- Don't expect a reward right now (Matt. 5:46-47).