



# **Practicing Compassion**

## **Luke 10.29-37**



# We value compassion

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Therefore our priority is a Kingdom lifestyle exhibiting a commitment to social justice.

# Compassion is not limited by its object

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Love should not be limited by the qualities or character of the person receiving the love or care.



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# Temple service

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## Three Classes of People

- Priests
- Levites
- Laymen (deacons)

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**“Where Christians do not  
express concern for the  
needy the gospel has not  
yet been proclaimed.”  
Stanley Grenz**

# Compassion is demonstrated

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The proclamation of the kingdom of God must be accompanied by demonstrations.

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“True humility is not thinking less  
of yourself, it is thinking of  
yourself less.”

# Compassion is costly

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A faith that has cost you nothing is worth nothing.

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We must reclaim for ourselves  
the energy with which we have  
endowed money.”

Gordon Cosby

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Jesus never answers the question  
“Who is my neighbor”, but reflects  
on a larger question –

**“To whom must I become a  
neighbor?”**

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How do we address  
“compassion-fatigue”  
or  
harden hearts?

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- Practice solitude
  - Alter your gravitational pull
  - Fixing the Pond

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- *Giving a person a fish* –  
Direct Relief
  - *Teaching a person to fish* –  
Distributing skills
  - *Fixing the Pond* –  
Dealing with the System

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“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.”

2 Corinthians 8.9