

Compassion is caring enough to do something about someone else's needs.



DAY 1

Read Proverbs 3:27

Have you ever missed out on something? Maybe you lost your spot in line or didn't hear your name when it was called. Maybe you missed your turn in a game and someone else took your spot. It doesn't feel good to be left out.

When it comes to showing compassion, we shouldn't leave anyone out! If you have a chance to do good to others, don't hold back. When you see a need that you can do something about, the best thing to do is to get busy helping and show compassion.

Crack the Code

Fill in the letters by following the grid below. The first number corresponds to the number across the top. The second number corresponds to the numbers along the side. So, 28 would be "P".

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5	B	C	E	L
6	A	M	J	I
7	H	T	K	S
8	D	P	R	O

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Answer: Make time to help others

DAY 2

Read Mark 10:51-52

When Jesus heard Bartimaeus call out, what did he do? Why do you think Jesus stopped to help this man who was blind? Do you think Jesus had other things to do? Maybe. But still, Jesus chose to stop and help Bartimaeus.

Do you ever feel that way when you see a need? Maybe you were about to do something else and that something else seemed really important. The truth is, if we wait for the "perfect" time to show compassion, we might not ever stop to help.

This week, when you see a need that you can do something about, put whatever plans you have aside and make time to help.





DAY 3

Read Proverbs 17:17

According to Proverbs 17:17, when should you love others and show compassion? At ALL times. When you feel like it and when you don't. When you think others will notice and when no one else is around to see what you've done. When it's your last fifty cents and when you have a wallet full of allowance money. When it's convenient and when it's the last thing you have time for. A friend loves and shows compassion at ALL times. No excuses.

All the Time

On the blank lines below, write down one person that you typically see during that time. For instance, the 7 am slot would probably be someone in your family.

Next to each person's name, think of one way you can love that person during that time. Challenge yourself to follow through tomorrow.

- 7 am
- 9 am
- noon
- 3 pm
- 6 pm

DAY 4

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:13

Have you ever been to a graduation ceremony? When a graduate walks across the stage to receive their diploma, the crowd celebrates all those years of dedication and hard work!

When it comes to following God, you probably won't cross a finish line or receive a diploma because being a disciple is a lifelong journey. But Jesus' power working in you can help you to keep going. You can keep showing compassion, and keep doing the right thing when you remember that you don't have to do it alone!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that butterflies need warmth for their muscles and wings to work properly? Butterflies soak up the sunshine to get the energy they need so they can fly again! One BIG way we can soak up God's light is by spending time reading and learning from God's Word. Every time you complete a devotional like this one, you're soaking up a little more of God's goodness and light!

Make time to help others.