

GROWING COMPASSIONATE HEARTS
Unleashing the Power of Compassion, Pt.1
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1 John 3:17 "If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?"(NIV)

Luke 3:7 "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8. Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. 9. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."(NIV)

Luke 3:10 "What should we do then?" the crowd asked, 11. John answered, 'Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.'"(NIV)

Why is having a compassionate heart so important?

Compassion _____ me for God.

Isaiah 58:6 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7. Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"(NIV)

Compassion _____ God's heart.

Isaiah 58:8 "Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. 9. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, 10. and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday 11. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail."(NIV)

Compassion _____ God's blessings.