

Overcomer

Part 4: Compassion

“I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.” – Philippians 2:19-24

“By this shall they know that you are my disciples’ that you have love for one another.” – John 13:35

Four Fundamental Truths About Paul’s Love for Timothy:

1. A compassionate life is _____.

“I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you.” – Philippians 2:19

“For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it.” – Galatians 1:13

“Love is patient, love is kind.” – 1 Corinthians 13:4

“For I wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, the people of Israel.” – Romans 9:3-4

“I have no one else like him, as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.” – Philippians 2:20,22

The deeper your roots in Christ, the greater your capacity to love people. Two Reasons:

I. The Holy Spirit empowers you to love.

II. You share a common worldview with those people who have a similar commitment.

“in Him all things hold together... in everything he might have the supremacy.” – Colossians 1:17-18

Jesus said... “we’re to love God with all our hearts, soul, strength, and mind.” – Matthew 22:37

“in Him we live and move and have our being.” – Acts 17:28

“Christ is all and in all.” – Colossians 3:11

“I see a little, but not clearly. I see men as trees walking around.” – Mark 8:24

“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.” – 1 John 1:7

“I have no one else like... Timothy. As a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.” – Philippians 2:20, 22

2. A compassionate life is _____.

“from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” – 2 Timothy 3:15

Christian compassion overcomes barriers to experience close fellowship.

3. A compassionate life is a must for _____.

Two Reasons for Relationships with Other Christians:

I. Encouragement in difficult times.

II. Accountability in tempting times.

“A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire and breaks out against all sound judgment.” – Proverbs 18:1

4. A compassionate life is expressed by the _____.

“I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.” – Philippians 2:23

“I’m hopeful that I’ll be released and maybe come to see you myself soon.” – Philippians 2:24

Christian compassion isn’t “clingy.”

“Love is not self-seeking.” – 1 Corinthians 13:5

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” – Philippians 2:3-4

“But I think it is necessary to send back Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs.” – Philippians 2:25

“For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me.” – Philippians 2:26-30

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you.” – John 15:9

“Whosoever will may come.” – Revelation 22:17
