



Have A Heart: Be Moved With Compassion

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Introduction: Has anyone ever told you to have a heart? Everyone has a heart! What you do with your heart, of course, is up to you. Jesus said, "*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*" (Matthew 6:21, Luke 12:24) What does your heart yearn for the most? Peter said, "*Finally, all of you be one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous.*" (1 Peter 3:8) We need to have a heart and be moved with compassion. Today we are going to consider five stories in the gospel of Matthew. . . .

Discussion:

I. BE MOVED WITH COMPASSION FOR THOSE WHO NEED SALVATION

When He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Matthew 9:34-35

II. BE MOVED WITH COMPASSION FOR THOSE WHO NEED ENCOURAGEMENT

When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

Matthew 14:13-14

III. BE MOVED WITH COMPASSION FOR THOSE WHO NEED FOOD

Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."

Matthew 15:32

IV. BE MOVED WITH COMPASSION FOR THOSE WHO NEED FORGIVENESS

Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

Matthew 18:27

V. BE MOVED WITH COMPASSION FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING

Two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!" So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened." So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

Matthew 20:29-34

Conclusion: What convicts you? What compels you? Are you moved with compassion?

WORD OF THE DAY = "COMPASSION"