

When Eternity Is On The Line

Caring For Humanity Part 3 of 4

“On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he asked, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ ‘What is written in the Law?’ he replied. ‘How do you read it?’ He answered: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’ and ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ‘You have answered correctly,’ Jesus replied. ‘Do this and you will live.’ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’” Luke 10:25-29

Six Justifications For Not Showing Compassion:

1. The _____ of life.

“I’m too busy today.”

David: “I look at your heavens, which you made with your fingers. I see the moon and stars, which you created. But why are people even important to you? Why do you take care of human beings?” Psalm 8:3-4 (NCV)

2. An unwillingness to _____.

“I don’t want to get hurt.”

“Give to those who ask, and don’t turn away from those who want to borrow. There is a saying, ‘Love your friends and hate your enemies.’ But I say: Love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you... If you love only those who love you, what good is that? Even scoundrels do that much. If you are friendly only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even the heathen do that.”

Matthew 5:42-47 (LB)

3. _____.

“What’s in it for me?”

“He died for all so that all who live – having received eternal life from him – might live no longer for themselves, to please themselves, but to spend their lives pleasing Christ who died and rose again for them.” 2 Cor.. 5:15 (LB)

“No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others – ignoring God! – harvests a crop of weeds. All he’ll have to show for his life is weeds!” Galatians 6:7 (Mes.)

Jesus had compassion because:

“...they were distressed...”

Matthew 9:36 (ASV)

“...they were sick.”

Matthew 14:14 (ASV)

“...they have nothing to eat...”

Matthew 15:32 (ASV)

“...they were in debt.”

Matthew 18:27 (ASV)

4. Misplaced _____.

“They look fine to me.”

“God sent Christ to make peace between himself and us, and he has given us the work of making peace between himself and others.” 2 Cor. 5:18 (CEV)

5. Comfortable with _____.

“I deserve a break today.”

“We are rich and wealthy and we have need of nothing. You do not realize you are wicked and miserable and poor and blind and naked?” Revelation 3:17

“Silver and gold have we none. But what we have we give to you. In the name of Jesus...” Acts 3:6

6. _____ the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

“Who am I to be used by God.”

“If your heart is broken, you’ll find God right there...” Psalm 34:18

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted...” Luke 4:18 (NKJV)