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WE ALL WERE BLESSED TO BE

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Ⓐ Blessed To Be A Blessing

While I was still in the Hospital, being treated for a stroke, the Holy Spirit told me that the Next Lesson should be on "Compassion"

It would seem that would be a "One-Liner," How much can we say on this seemingly common subject. But Let us look at Compassion through a "Spiritual" magnifying glass.

I want to cover 3 things

- #1. What is the definition of Compassion?
- #2. Why is Compassion important?
- #3. How do we gain Compassion?

The Dictionary defines Compassion as "A feeling of sorrow or pity for the sufferings or misfortunes of another; sympathy, tender, kind, merciful.

We asked you on Face Book To give your definition of Compassion - Here is what you said:

Jack Abels - Feeling for others enough to move you to Action

Melody Taylor Love without end

Larry Campbell A Conscience that Loves so much that it feels someone else's pain

Matthew 23:37 Jesus said

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Thou that
Kills the Prophets, and stones
them which are sent unto Thee,
How often would I have
gathered thy Children together,
as a Hen gathers her
chickens under her wings, and
ye would not.

We find many examples of Compassion in the Bible - Compassion appears 145 times in the Bible - both the Old and the New Testament

Jesus showed Compassion at the death of his friend Lazarus - Jesus wept - Compassion born out of Love

19:41-44 Jesus wept over Jerusalem
Read - Luke 19:41-44

10:30-37 16:39-40

Read - Luke 10:30-37 Jesus told this Parable
about Compassion

* 1 John 3:17-18 - But who ever has the World's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his compassion from him, how does the love of God abide in Him? My little Children, let us Not Love in ~~with~~ word, Neither with the Tongue, but in deed and Truth

★ James 2:15-16

Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; Keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical Needs, what good is it? IN the same way, Faith by itself, if it is Not accompanied by action is dead.

So we can say that Compassion is Love in Action - and it is a Commandment - - -

★ John 13:34-35 IN the Upper Room, Jesus gave His disciples a New Commandment - That you Love one another. His people (the Church) would be Known by their Love. This deep kind of Love doesn't grow naturally from the human heart.

If we are to see Love grow in our life, we need to draw from the Source of all Love (God is Love) through the Word and Prayer

ON the Night He was betrayed, Jesus washed the disciple's feet, saying He came to serve and not to be served.

Let our Love and Compassion for a dying world lead us to serve others

God's great Love and Compassion for us led Him to send His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ to suffer and die on the old Rugged Cross so that we can live with Him in Heaven

God is a Compassionate Father

Quote by Audrey Hepburn - the Movie Star

Nothing is more important
than empathy for another human
being's suffering. Nothing, Not a career,
Not wealth, Not intelligence, certainly
Not status.

We have to feel for one another
if we're going to survive with dignity

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

II Corinthians 1:3-7 (NIV)

So Let me leave you with this
one thought ---

God has abundantly Blessed us
with His Grace, His Mercy, His
forgiveness, His Love & Compassion AMEN

He has Blessed us to be a
Blessing to others

God Bless All of you
with His Grace, Mercy, Forgiveness, Love & Compassion AMEN

Prayer is the key to
the Kingdom of God