

THE COST OF COMPASSIONATE CARING

LUKE 10:30-37

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- God looks beyond the action or service to the _____ involved. Mark 12:41-44
- Compassionate caring will always _____ you something, but that's what the Christian life is all about. vs. 27
- *“And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.”* **Ephesians 5:2**
- Believers who love the Lord are willing to pay the cost to compassionately care for others. What does this mean? What do we learn from Jesus' parable? Compassionate caring means:

First, there is a willingness to give of

_____.

- The Samaritan saw him and *“had compassion on him and went to him.”* vs. 33
- He allowed his _____ to be moved with compassion.

Second, there is a willingness to give of your

_____.

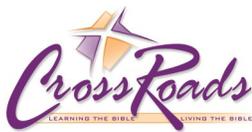
- The priest and Levite had the same opportunity as the Samaritan. They decided they simply wouldn't pay the cost, nor take the time to help the man.

- It is easy to give of your time to people you love, but what about the needy and wounded person that cannot give back to you?

Third, there is a willingness to give of your _____.

- Three attitudes we see:
 - The Thieves – “What’s yours is mine – I’ll _____ it.”
 - The Priest and Levite – “What’s mine is mine – I’ll _____ it.”
 - The Samaritan – “What’s mine is yours – I’ll _____ it.”
- *“That they (believers) do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate.”*
1 Timothy 6:18
- *“I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.”* **Acts 20:35**

Sometimes the only reward for compassionately caring is the inner joy and personal growth that comes from caring, loving, and being Christ-like. But what a _____ it is!



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