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(Rom 12:5-8 NIV) so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. (6) We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. (7) If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; (8) if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.
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▪ This Gift Of The Compassion & Mercy Is The Most Frequently Given. Many People Are Hurting And Perhaps That Is Why

▪ About 1/3 Of People In The Body Of Christ Have This Gift

▪ The Compassion Person = Compassion With Cheerfulness
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- The Compassion Person Has The Capacity To Show Love

- The Purpose Of Compassion Is To Love People With The Heart Of Jesus

(John 15:13 NIV) Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.
What Is Mercy?

- The basic idea of the Greek word translated *merciful* is “to give help to the wretched, to relieve the miserable.”  
  
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(Mat 5:7 NIV)  "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
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- Mercy = “To Get Inside Another's Skin Until We Can See With Their Eyes, Think With Their Mind, And Feel With Their Feelings”

- Mercy Is Not Simply “Feeling Compassion” It Is Acting In Compassion -- Doing Something To Help.
Luke 10:36-37 (NIV) 36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

- Mercy Is An Action Word

- Compassion = Godlike Compassion To People -- An Unending Source Of Agape Love
THE COMPASSION PERSON:

- Always Looks For Good In People
- Senses The Spiritual And Emotional Atmosphere Of Others
- Is Attracted To People Who Are Hurting Or In Distress
- Takes Action To Remove Hurts And Relieve Distress In Others
- Is More Concerned For Mental And Emotional Distress Than Physical Distress
THE COMPASSION PERSON:

- Is Motivated To Help People Have Right Relationships
- Values The Opportunity To Give Preference To Others
- Takes Care With Words And Actions To Avoid Hurting Others
- Easily Detects Insincerity Or Wrong Motives
- Is Drawn To Others With This Gift
THE COMPASSION PERSON:

- Loves Doing Thoughtful Things For Others
- Is Trusting And Trustworthy
- Avoids Conflicts And Confrontations
- Does Not Like To Be Rushed In A Job Or Activity
- Is Typically Cheerful And Joyful
THE COMPASSION PERSON:

▪ Is Ruled By The Heart Not The Head
▪ Rejoices To See Others Blessed
▪ Grieves To See Others Hurt
▪ Is A Crusader For Good Causes
▪ Intercedes For The Hurts And Problems Of Others
PROBLEMS OF THE COMPASSION PERSON:

- Tends To Be Indecisive
- Is Often Prone To Take Up Another Persons Offense
- Is Easily Hurt By Others
- Empathizes Too Much With The Suffering Of Others
- Has Affectionate Nature Misinterpreted By The Opposite Sex
COMPASSION SEEN IN JESUS:

- He Looked Out And Told Disciples To Pray (Mt 9:36-37)
- He Looked Out And Healed Their Sick (Mt 14:14)
- He Looked Out And Fed Them (Mt. 15:32)
- He Looked Out And Gave Them Sight To Follow (Mt 20:34)
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Jesus Taught About Compassion / Mercy In The Good Samaritan
Luke 10:30-35

▪ The Priest And The Levite Had No Compassion
▪ The Samaritan Did Have Compassion
▪ He Displayed The Thoughtful Actions Of Someone Who Cared
▪ He Put His Efforts, Time & Money Where His Heart Was
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**What Would Happen If We Began To Show Mercy As It Was Intended?**

- The Church Would Function As It Is Supposed To
- We Be Known By Our Love, Compassion, Care, Mercy

- The Awesome Truth Of The Gift Of Compassion