

# **“A Lack of Compassion”**

## **1 Pet. 3:8-9**

### Introduction

- I. Compassion is having great care for those who suffer, and the desire to help them.
- II. One of the many great characteristics of Jesus was His compassion for others (Matt. 14:14; 20:34; Mark 1:41; 6:34; Luke 7:13).
- III. Let us notice how the Lord felt when others did not show compassion the ways that they should have.

### Discussion

- I. The Pharisee and the publican (Luke 18:9-14).
  - A. We must never allow ourselves to think more highly of ourselves than we should (Rom. 12:3)..
  - B. All of us have needs, and we should look for opportunities to serve others (Eph. 6:5-7).
- II. The woman taken in adultery (John 8:1-11).
  - A. We must not allow ourselves to forget that we all have sinned and deserved punishment (Rom. 3:23; 6:23).
  - B. Instead of caring about the woman's soul, the scribes and Pharisees seemingly used this woman as an end to their means (Matt. 16:26).
- III. The man which had a withered hand (Mark 3:1-5).
  - A. It is never wrong to do that which is right (Gal. 6:9).
  - B. The Pharisees showed their ignorance of the Word of God, and by so doing, they lacked compassion.
- IV. A woman “which was a sinner” (Luke 7:36-50).
  - A. Simon demonstrated self righteousness.
  - B. Others need forgiveness just like us, regardless of the sins committed (Eph. 1:7).
- V. The blind man (John 9:24-34).
  - A. The Pharisees had no compassion for the man (v. 34).
  - B. Jesus knew that His time on Earth was limited, and chose to demonstrate love and compassion (John 9:1-5; cf. Gal. 6:10).

### Conclusion

- I. Christians should never be guilty of lacking compassion.
- II. Let us ever learn from our Lord how to show care for others.