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Bible Study

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Significant Components of a Compassionate Person
Matthew 15:32-39

Colossians 3:12 reads, *“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”* (NIV) This verse reveals five types of apparel that believers should prioritize wearing. Individuals who are concerned more about their physical wardrobe than their spiritual attire, run the risk of focusing more on themselves than other people. A part of ones growth in Christ is to become less selfish and more selfless. This lesson is designed to examine an episode in the ministry of Jesus to point out significant components of a compassionate person.

Breakdown of Matthew Chapter 15

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| 1. | The _____ | with Jesus | Verses 1-9 |
| 2. | The _____ | from Jesus | Verses 10-20 |
| 3. | The _____ | around Jesus | Verses 21-39 |

1. _____ on others is a significant component of a compassionate person.

Verses 29, 30

“Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down. 30) Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them.” (NIV)

2. _____ towards others is a significant component of a compassionate person.

Verse 32

“Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.” (NIV)

3. _____ with others is a significant component of a compassionate person.

Verses 33, 34

“His disciples answered, “Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?” 34) “How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked. “Seven,” they replied, “and a few small fish.” (NIV)

4. _____ for others is a significant component of a compassionate person.

Verses 35, 36

“He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. 36) Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people.” (NIV)

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