



Title: Balancing Compassion with Truth

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“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.” (Ephesians 4:15)

Finding the Balance

1. Truth is from the _____
 - Truth is not based upon culture or climate.
 - As society changes, the man of God must remain steadfast to the truths in God's Word.
2. Compassion without _____
 - This group will be led by pity and emotions.
 - This group will not deal with the root issues.
 - This group will produce shallow churches and disciples.
3. Truth without _____
 - This group will have a message that is packaged in harshness. They will struggle to connect to those who are not like them.
 - Illustrated in Luke 9:54–56. The disciples desired to command fire to come down upon a group of people.
 - Jesus revealed that they had the wrong “spirit.”
 - This spirit leaves many wounded and rejecting the message of Christ.

4. Jesus is the perfect example of Compassion with Truth

“Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?” (Matthew 16:14)

John the Baptist – strong in doctrine

Elias – prophet of miracles

Jeremias – the weeping prophet

The disciples of Jesus, will stand for truth, while demonstrating an authentic love for the sinner.



1. _____ of Compassion

- A. _____ makes a difference. (Jude 22)
- B. What does it mean to be “_____ with compassion”?
- C. The Good Samaritan made a _____.
(Luke 10:31-33)
- D. Compassion will take _____.
Compassion will cause personal investment.
- Jesus fed the 5,000.
 - The Good Samaritan paid all the bills.
 - Jesus touched the leper.
 - Jesus would carry our cross.

2. _____ of Compassion

(1 Corinthians 2:4-13)

- A. _____ of the message (vv. 4-5)
- Paul would not rely upon enticing words to communicate the divine message.
 - Men's faith should stand in power of God.
- B. _____ of the message (vv. 6-10)
- Princes and men of earth could reveal divine truths to man. They cannot reveal what they do not know.
 - The revelation of truth is from God and through the Spirit.
 - Only the Spirit of God can reveal the deep things of God to the Spiritual.
- C. _____ of the message
- Therefore, only spiritual can truly receive and communicate Divine truth.

“...did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us by the way.” (Luke 24:32)

- There should be a burning/passion by our spirit whenever we receive from the Spirit.
- D. Messenger's _____
- We must enter the pulpit with our hearts on fire.
 - If we are not moved by the Holy Spirit about the text, how can we expect anyone else to be moved by the text.
 - Preparation for compassion
 - Be tender through seasons of prayer.
 - Be filled with the Word of God.
 - Be empty of those things that make us harden to the things of God. Don't allow your fire to be cool.
 - Be sensitive to the leading of the spirit.
 - Have “the heart of God” toward sinners.

3. _____ of Compassion (Mark 1:41)

- A. Moved with compassion
- B. Message was _____ by compassion

CONCLUSION: A Disciple of Christ should reflect the truth of the Word of God, and his heart should be filled with the Spirit of God. This spiritual man will have a burning for the Word of God and a love for the lost.