

**COMPASSION  
NOT  
CONDEMNATION**

Learning To Love As Jesus Did

From The Talk On The Hill

# Compassion NOT Condemnation

- **To pray that the will of God be done on earth as it is in heaven implies that we must be part of it. The messengers must be the Message. We cannot just sit there and say, “God, Your will be done and I will keep an eye on it.”**
- **“Judge not, that you be not judged,” is a warning against contempt and a call to compassion.**
- **7:1-6 is a warning, that if we show contempt toward someone because of the sin in their lives, we will be judged and shown contempt by them for the sin in our lives.**
- **It is a call to principled compassion.**

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- **Before we start preaching the gospel, do they know we love them?**
- **It was Jesus compassion for the masses that opened their hearts to hear the gospel.**
- **Piper – Christians care about all suffering and injustice, especially eternal suffering**
- **The Bible says that he had compassion; he cared. He had compassion on the crowds Mat 9:36 ; on the sick Mat 14:14; on the hungry Matt 15:32; on the blind Matt 20:34; on the leper Mk 1:41; on the demon-possessed Mk 9:22; on the bereaved Lk 7:13.**

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- **When he told a parable to try to explain what “love your neighbor as yourself” means Mk 12:31, he told about the Good Samaritan. He ended by saying he had compassion on the man on the side of the road Lk 10:33. Embedded in “love your neighbor” is “care about the suffering of your neighbor.”**
- **It is our non condemning compassion toward the pickers that opens their hearts for us to share the Gospel.**
- **To try to share the gospel when the person has other needs at that moment, is to give them something they are unable to use. It is like feeding pearls to pigs, or a book to dogs. They will turn on you. People will judge or condemn you (7:6)**

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- **The second half of Pipers statement, “Christians care about suffering, especially about eternal suffering.”**
- **For some professing Christians, they are too modern for that. “How could a loving God send people to hell?”**
- **Do we believe Jesus? Matt.7:1-2; 25:41,46; Jhn.3:16**
- **Pastors’ wives letting Jesus love the dancers in a strip club.**
- **We care about suffering – because Jesus did – especially eternal suffering**
- **So, we ask ...**

# Asking Opens Doors

- **Asking, means we are talking to the Father. We are never one on one in any relationship.**
- **Asking, means we are not kicking down doors.**
- **We are asking for permission to share the good news.**
- **Seeking means we are asking the Father for discernment and listening beyond the person's words to their heart.**
- **Charles Spurgeon's intern.**

# Asking

- **What are you asking the Father for today?**
- **We can ask Him to remove contempt.**
- **That means we will probably be confronted by obnoxious people, to give us opportunity to live compassion**
- **We can ask for souls. It means compassionately meeting real needs for ungrateful souls, just like we were/are, till the Lord shows us its time to ask them to share Jesus good news.**
- **All of this is simply treating others the way you would like them to treat you. With compassion, caring about the greatest needs in my life.**