

Invest this Christmas
“INVEST in Others this Christmas”
Matthew 5:13-16 **12.07.14**

1. Compassion without _____ is just a short-term fix.

Matthew 5:13-16

2. Be a _____.

Romans 13:9-10

Matthew 22:36-40

3. Give help before you give _____.

James 2:14-17

Proverbs 19:17

4. Do what you are _____ to do.

Luke 10:35

5. Let God _____ your path.

Luke 10:33

FURTHER STUDY

1. Can you think of a time when you saw someone else's need and you either stepped out of your comfort zone to meet that need, or you played it cautious and held back?

2. What needs or issues do you feel least equipped to help others with?

3. Jesus was often interrupted by people seeking to have their needs met.

⇒ What do you notice about how he handled those interruptions from the following passages?

Mark 10:46-52

Luke 8:40-48

⇒ What could help you take notice and pay attention to the needs of others instead of seeing their needs as an interruption?

4. In living out a Biblical compassion we are to remember that we are to do “what we are able to do.”

⇒ How do you see this point revealed in Jesus' involvement with a group of needy and hurting people in Mark 1:32-39?

5. What guidelines and cautions do the following passages offer for helping us live a more compassionate life?

Proverbs 14:31

Proverbs 31:8-9

Matthew 6:1-4