

**A New Year...A Steadfast Hope!
Because God Cares – I Can Live Compassionately
Selected Scripture**

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Because God cares...

**God c a r e s about p e o p l e (Psalm 103:8, 13;
145:8-9; Lamentations 3:22-23; James 5:11)**

**Jesus p r o v e d that God c a r e s about people
(Mark 2:17; 10:44-45)**

- He cares about our p h y s i c a l needs
(Matthew 14:13-21; 15:29-39; 20:29-34)
- He cares about our e m o t i o n a l needs
(Mark 1:40-45; 5:21-42)
- He cares about our s p i r i t u a l needs
(Matthew 9:35-38; John 3:1-20; 4:39-42)

I can live compassionately...

**By r e f l e c t i n g God's care to o t h e r s
(Ephesians 4:32-5:2; 1 Peter 3:8; Colossians 3:12)**

**By developing a k i n g d o m a t t i t u d e
(Philippians 2:1-5; Galatians 6:2; Mark 10:44-45)**

Because it t r a n s f o r m s people (1 Peter 2:12)

- It will change o t h e r s (Philemon 7; 2 Peter 2:15)
- It changes m e (2 Cor 8:1-5)
- Because it brings g l o r y to G o d (2 Corinthians 4:15;
9:13; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12)

The challenge:

The times we live in will provide wonderful opportunities for the
Church to extend God's compassion to people.

Will I make myself *available to God* to use me?

Will I *ask God to open my eyes* to the needs around me?

Will I make *my time and resources available to Him* to invest in
His kingdom work?

Will I care about those God cares about?