

# Compassion Characteristics

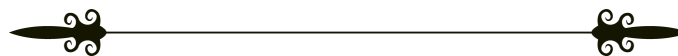


Biblical Example - The Good Samaritan

Illustrated in Jesus - Moved emotionally to respond to people

**Scoring:** 0 = never true      1 = seldom true      2 = sometimes true  
3 = often true      4 = mostly true      5 = always true

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Easily discern the motives of others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Look for the good in people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Can sense the emotional atmosphere of a group or an individual.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Attracted to people who are hurting or in distress.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Want to remove hurts and relieve distress.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. More concerned for mental and emotional distresses than physical.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Motivated to help people have right relationships with one another.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Love opportunities to give preference or place to other people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Careful with words and actions to avoid hurting others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Easily detect insincerity in other people and back off from it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Drawn to others with gift of compassion.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Thoughtful with a love to do things for others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Trusting of others and expect others to be honest and reliable.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Lack firmness unless they see how it will bring some specific benefit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Don't like to be rushed in a job or an activity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Have a tremendous capacity to give love.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Ruled by their heart rather than their head.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Rejoice to see others blessed and grieve to see others hurt.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Good at sending non-verbal communication.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Feel led to intercede in prayer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Total**



*Potential Problem Areas:*

- a. Tend to be indecisive...hard to be objective...prone to gullibility.*
- b. Tenderness and sensitivity can lead to taking up another's offense.*
- c. Tend to be thin—skinned and easily hurt by others.*
- d. Can let empathy with others' suffering infiltrate their minds and bodies.*
- e. Must be very careful in ministering to those of opposite sex.*