Teen Challenge Core Value #2

Compassion

“Embracing hope, love, and reconciliation”

1. **What is compassion? (PP 1)**
   1. It is an Awareness of the suffering of a person.
   2. It is Feeling the suffering of a person.
   3. It is Helping a person who is suffering.
   4. For the Christian, it is feeling and demonstrating God’s Love for a person who is suffering. Psalm 116:5; 2 Corinthians 1:3
2. **Who needs compassion? (PP 4)**
   1. A person who has no Hope. Luke 15
   2. A person who cannot Help himself. Luke 10
   3. A person who is spiritually Lost. Mark 6:34
   4. A person who has suffered a huge Loss. Luke 7:12-15
   5. A person with pressing physical Needs. Mark 8:1-9
3. **How can a person feel compassion? (PP 5)**
   1. Be filled with the love of Christ. Romans 5:5
   2. Remember when God and others have had compassion on you. 2 Corinthians 1:3
   3. See people as God sees them. Mark 6:34
4. **How does a person show compassion? (PP 6)**
   1. Forgive people who need forgiveness. Matthew 18:27
   2. Restore people who have wasted their resources. Luke 15:20, 22
   3. Rescue people who have been attacked and hurt. Luke 10:33, 34
   4. Meet pressing needs of people. Mark 8:1 –9
   5. Speak God’s truth to people who are lost. Mark 6:34
   6. Touch people. Mark 1:41; Luke 15:20
5. **At Teen Challenge, how do you show compassion? (PP 7)**
   1. Listen to students share their hurts.
   2. Show students that God cares about them.
   3. Pray with students about their problems.
   4. Meet the practical needs of students.
   5. Share Jesus with lost people in the community.
6. **Compassion must be balanced with firmness. (PP 8)**
   1. Compassion does not mean we let students get away with wrong Attitude and Behavior.
   2. Compassion lovingly and firmly Exposes wrong thinking and poor responses.

**7. Where can you start today in growing compassion in your life?**

For further study: we recommend you read chapter 2, “Compassion,” in the book *Our Core Values*, by Dr. Jerry Nance (Available from Teen Challenge USA and Global Teen Challenge).

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