

Introduction

- Under the law of Moses, the Israelites were to love one another. ***Lev 19:18***
- The Lord taught Israel to show compassion. ***Deut 15:7-11***
- *The Lord set a great example in showing compassion on the nation of Israel.*



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- Under the New Covenant, Jesus Christ has set a great example of compassion.
 - *“By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us...”* **1 John 3:16**
- We too are to love one another. **John 15:11-13**
- We too are to show compassion.
1 Pet 3:8-9



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- Having a willingness to help is the fruit of our love and compassion.
 - We will follow Jesus' example. ***1 John 3:16-17***
 - We do what God desires. ***Matt 25:34-40***
- In this lesson, we will consider our individual responsibility as well as our congregational responsibility.



Individual Responsibility

- We are to have godly love towards all peoples.
1 Cor 13:3-8a
- Consider Jesus' parable of the good Samaritan.
Luke 10:30-37
- James specifically mentions the orphans and widows. *James 1:26-27*



Congregational Responsibility

- Benevolence towards fellow Christians is seen at the beginning of the church. ***Acts 4:32-35***
- Seen when warned of a coming drought. ***Acts 11:27-30***
- Paul's instructions to the Corinthians. ***1 Cor 16:1-4; 2 Cor 9:6-13***
- Consider the widows. ***1 Tim 5:3-16***



Conclusion

- Our willingness to help others comes with godly love and compassion.
 - Toward those who are in the world.
 - Toward our fellow brethren in Christ.
- Just as we are to forgive others because God forgave us, we too are to love others because God first loved us.

