

**“DOS AND DON’TS OF COMPASSION”\***

**James 2:1-13**

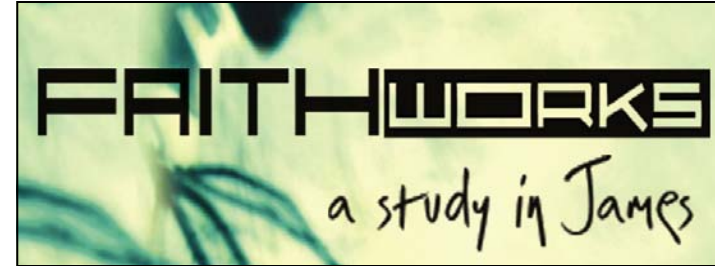
Are you a compassionate conservative? This is not a question of political affiliation, but of whether you are conservative or liberal with compassion. What about God? Do you want Him to be conservative or liberal with you?

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Use the following questions to reflect on lessons from the Series, *James: Faith Works!* Ponder these during your quiet times, or use them as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends or REALife Group.

1. We are not to discriminate by favoring one person over another. What are some of the reasons why society favors some people over others (besides wealth)? With which of these do you struggle?
2. Read Jeremiah 9:23-24 and Galatians 3:28. How do these verses address many of the reasons for discrimination in our society today?
3. Read Jesus’ prescription for outrageous love in Luke 6:27-37. What is the corrective to judging in this passage? What correlation do you see between this passage and James 2:1-13?
4. Does the way we treat others really impact the way God treats us? See Matthew 6:12-15. Would you feel satisfied if God showed you the same level of mercy and compassion that you show to others?
5. Who is it in your relational spheres that is often shunned and rejected? How can you walk across the room this week and show them the love of Christ?

**FAITH WORKS WHEN  
WE LOVE LIKE JESUS LOVES.**

\*5<sup>th</sup> message in the series, *James: Faith Works!*, by Danny Box, 5-6-07  
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# FAITHWORKS

*a study in James*

# The Dos and Don'ts of Compassion

## James 2:1-13

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# I. Don't Withhold Compassion from Those Whom GOD Shows Compassion.

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.”

Luke 6:20

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James 2:1-5

II. Don't Withhold Compassion  
from Those Whom OTHERS  
Withhold Compassion.

*Don't Prop Up Those Who Put  
Others Down.*

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James 2:6-7

III. Do Show Compassion to Others  
the Way You Want Others to  
Show Compassion to YOU.

“Do to others what you would  
have them do to you.”

Luke 6:31

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James 2:8

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have them do to you.”

Luke 6:31

# IV. Do Show Compassion to Others the Way You Want \_\_\_\_\_ to Show Compassion to You.

- Law was only sufficient for  
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- Grace is sufficient for  
**COMPASSION.**

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James 2:9-13

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”

Luke 6:36-37

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