

Super-Sized Heart

A super-sized heart is filled with God's compassion.

Exodus 33:18-34:7

Mission statement: Making passionate and compassionate followers of Jesus Christ.

Great Commandment: *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”*

—Luke 10:27

True Mountaintop Spiritual Experiences...

1. Fill us with the **Compassion** of God.

Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. ⁶ And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

—Exodus 34:5-6

Compassionate, from the verb רָחַם raw-kham'

Means—to love, love deeply, have mercy, be compassionate, have tender affection

John Wesley's description of the Character of a Methodist:

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

—Romans 5:5

One measure of a super-sized heart is...

2. Compassion for **Children**

¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."—Mark 10:13-15

Compassion International--\$30 per month.

Another measure of a super-sized heart is...

3. Compassion for the Needy

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

—Mark 6:34

Nothing But Nets

Zimbabwe Partnership

“The only thing you can give a man without hurting him is an opportunity.” —Henry Ford

Kiva.org—micro loans

Rather than giving handout, loan money for people who will work. Repaid money can be loaned again.

Another measure of a super-sized heart is...

4. Compassion for the Hurting

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” “The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

—Luke 10:36-37

Another measure of a super-sized heart is...

5. Compassion for the Lord.

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?”

—Luke 15:4

“When a child in poverty says, ‘I matter,’ he has just taken the first teetering step out of poverty!” —Wess Stafford, CEO Compassion International