

# TLC

## Part Three - Who Cares?

*John 21:16*, Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you." "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said.

Our love for Jesus is demonstrated by how we take care of one another.

### Providing Care

*1 Peter 5:2*, Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them - not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve. *3* Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example. *4* And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

#### 1. C - Compassion

*1 John 3:17*, If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion - how can God's love be in that person?

*1 Corinthians 12:26*

If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.

#### 2. A - Accountability

*Hebrews 13:17*, Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God.

*Luke 10:30-37*, A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. *31* "By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. *32* A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. *33* "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. *34* Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn,

where he took care of him. 35 The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.' 36 "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. 37 The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

### 3. R - Resourcing

- *Healing*

*Matthew 14:14*, Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

- *Comfort*

*Luke 7:13*, When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion. "Don't cry!" he said.

*2 Corinthians 1:4*, He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

- *Provision*

*Matthew 15:32*, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry..."

- *Teaching*

*Mark 6:34*, Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

### 4. E – Encouragement

*Hebrews 3:12-13*, 12 See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. 13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Through compassion, we are accountable to resource and encourage one another. This is what it means to care, and it is something Jesus takes personally.

*Matthew 25:34-40*, "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. 36 I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' 37 "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? 39 When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'"