

## The Power of Compassion

“Showing Compassion To My Family”

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I will try to walk a blameless path, but how I need your help,  
especially in my own home, where I long to act as I should.  
Psalm 101:2 (LB)

**Pop Quiz:** How Compassionate am I towards my family?  
When my spouse, siblings, or another family member...

- Gets some details wrong while telling a story, do I  
\_\_ Interrupt them and correct them publicly?  
\_\_ Say nothing and let it go, knowing I've done the same?
- Keeps making the same mistakes over and over, do I  
\_\_ Become irritated & angry at them?  
\_\_ Graciously forgive them and pray for them?
- Says or does something I don't understand, do I  
\_\_ Assume they have the best motives for doing it?  
\_\_ Question their motives or think the worst?
- Am I more polite with \_\_strangers or \_\_my family?

## 3 Ways To Show Compassion

### 1. By Being Kind, Even When They Don't Deserve It.

Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never  
boastful or proud. 1 Corinthians 13:4 (TLB)

Whenever you are able, do good to people who need help.  
Proverbs 3:27 (NCV)

### 2. By Overlooking Irritations & Offenses.

Love is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it  
keeps no record of wrongs. 1 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV)

Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of  
friends. Proverbs 17:9 (TLB)

And be careful that when you get on each other's nerves you don't  
snap at each other. Look for the best in each other, and always do  
your best to bring it out. 1 Thessalonians 5:15 (MSG)

### 3. By Believing That God Is At Work In Your Life.

Love never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops  
hoping, never gives up. 1 Corinthians 13:7 (GW)

God is at work within you, helping you want to obey him, and then  
helping you do what he wants. Philippians 2:13 (TLB)

This is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of  
sharing his glory. Colossians 1:27 (NLT)