

What About His/Her Day?

I. Introduction:

A. Christians generally understand that we are to show empathy one towards another (**Romans 12:15** and **I Corinthians 12:25-26**).

1. We also know to be sympathetic and kind towards each other (**I Peter 3:8**).

2. We can do these things because we have love one toward another as brothers and sisters in Christ (**Romans 12:10** and **I Peter 1:22**).

B. What about people of the world though? We have a certain distance between ourselves and those outside of Christ (**Romans 12:1-2** and **James 4:4**).

1. Being in Christ, our family and citizenship is not worldly (**Mark 3:31-35**, **Ephesians 3:15**, and **Philippians 3:20-21**).

2. As Jesus told the Apostles, we're not loved by the world (**John 15:18-19**).

3. So, are we [Christians] to have empathy or sympathy for those outside of Christ? They're wicked, right (**I John 5:19**)? We keep our distance, how could we care? Does it even matter (cf. **Psalms 139:21-22** and **Romans 12:9**)?

4. A waitress provides terrible service. You blow up. What if she is having the worse day of her life but could not afford to take the day off work? Someone cuts you off in traffic. You rage. What if that person is having a medical emergency? Do we ever take the time to consider what others COULD BE going through?

II. Body: Showing Mercy (**Luke 10:25-37**).

A. Love thy neighbor as thyself (**Romans 13:8-10**).

1. Thinking of all humanity as our Father's creation (**Acts 17:26-28**).

2. Think about the peacemaker's mouth (**James 3:9-18**).

B. With people of the world, can't you at least have compassion for them in that they are lost (**Matthew 9:35-38**)?

1. What worse condition could a person be found in (**II Thessalonians 1:8-9** and **Jude 1:7** [remember Abraham's pleas (**Genesis 18:22-33**)])?

2. Then considering that many are unaware of their true spiritual state (**Romans 10:1-3**).

3. Of course, we have to walk in wisdom towards those outside of the body of Christ (**Colossians 4:5-6**).

4. We have to be sure our "good" is really good. For example, helping someone should not contribute to their rejection of the counsel of God (ex. **II Thessalonians 3:10**).

C. Even when Jesus was focused in a specific manner, He still showed compassion (**Matthew 15:21-28**).

1. Though our view of the world is right [the world is evil], our actions do not need to be those of disdain (**Matthew 5:43-48** and **Luke 6:35**).

2. Even with His enemies, Jesus showed mercy (**Luke 23:26-34**).

3. What about us (**Romans 12:17-21**)?

4. God is able to balance doing good unto all (**Psalms 145:9**) with separating Himself for darkness (**I John 1:5-6**).

a. Learn from Him (**Ephesians 5:1-2**).

b. He has a balance of a special relationship with His faithful children (**I John 1:3**) and drawing a clear line with sinners (**John 9:31**).

D. Don't be selfish (**Philippians 2:3-8**).

1. Don't just show sympathy, empathy, kindness, etc. if there is something to be gained (**Luke 14:12-14**).

2. Don't fall asleep when you should be aware of what someone else is going through (**Matthew 26:36-46**).

3. The world shows superficial concern for others. As Christians, we should be the ones to show the world what true, honest good looks like to the glory of God (**Philippians 2:14-16** and **I Thessalonians 5:15**).

III. Conclusion: **Galatians 6:10**