

Where Have All the Heroes Gone?

(The one quality that outdoes them all)

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"Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9 NIV)

Can you be Christian

And be **apathetic**?

"And so I am giving a new commandment to you now--love each other just as much as I love you. **Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are my disciples.**" (John 13:34-35)

And be **unmovable**?

"Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters. **Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!** Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself. Remember also those being mistreated, as if you felt their pain in your own bodies." (Hebrews 13:1-3 NLT)

Qualities of Compassion

"Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. 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. 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.' **Now which of these three would you say**

was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?' Jesus asked. The man replied, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Then Jesus said, 'Yes, now go and do the same.'" (Luke 10:33-37 NLT)

Have their **priorities in order**.

"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. **Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.**" (Phil 2:1-4)

Have a **capacity for mercy**.

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, **he remembers that we are dust.**" (Psa 103:13-14)

Can be **bothered**.

Never **belittle or bully**.

"Try to show as much **compassion** as your Father does. **Never criticize or condemn--or it will all come back on** you. Go easy on others; then they will do the same for you." (Luke 6:36-37)

Believe everyone **needs to be loved**.

"Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted." (Gal 6:1)

Understand **why they're here**.

"Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, **but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.** Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit's fire;" (1 Th 5:15)