

The Gifts of God

His Caring Virtues

Love, Compassion, Mercy & Understanding

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Behold!

These are some of the most beautiful and rewarding virtues ever to proceed, out of the Heart of God! When we live with these wonderful qualities in our lives, they lift us and bring us closer to Him; they inspire us to emulate our mighty Creator in our hearts, by sharing these magnificent heartfelt virtues, to all those around us; to be shining examples, of how our glorious Maker wants us to be!

For this is the very nature of God - to love, cherish and watch over all that He has made; and for us (His living, breathing and thinking creation), to joyously return His love, through these magnificent virtues of His, by embracing them, not just for our benefit and all those around us, but for the Glory of God as well.

These wonderful virtues help us to know Him, in all His splendor and glory! He has made them freely available to us, so we can learn about Him and how He wants us to live our lives with these mighty virtues; and to share them as freely and as generously as possible (just as He has with us), to all that we meet in life: family, friends, perfect strangers, work colleagues, our enemies, everyone!

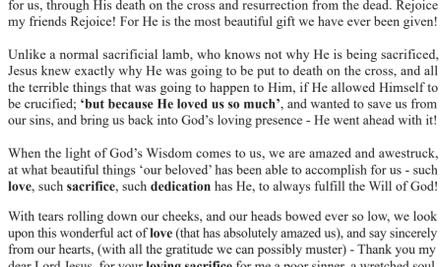
What glorious virtues are these, that find their origins in the Heart of God; able to be understood and appreciated by sentient beings alone - those who possess 'The Gift of Consciousness' (given to those in Creation, with a soul and a heart).

You may in fact already have some of these lovely virtues inside you right now, but it is good for us to revisit them again, and explore their special meanings, to see them as our loving Creator sees them; to see them in a new light, and for us to grow in His mighty Wisdom every single day, through these great virtues of His.

They are heartfelt, they are rewarding, they are enduring, they are rejuvenating, they are fruitful, they are selfless, they are inspiring, they are sharing, they are warm, they are lenient, they are divine, they are caring, they are understanding, they are supportive, they are generous, they are powerful, they are comforting, they are gentle, they are kindhearted, they are discerning, they are loving, they are life-giving, and they are highly favored, in the eyes of our glorious Creator.

We cannot stress enough, the importance of having them in our hearts, because none of us can even begin to have a meaningful relationship with God, without first understanding how deeply He actually cares for us - His beloved children.

Because of His great virtues, we can personally relate to Him, in all His glory!



It is an intense and powerful virtue 'of the heart' - to have feelings of concern, devotion and adoration, towards those that are thought of, with great affection. It is said to **both glorify and reflect** the very nature of Almighty God Himself. It is indicative of the close relationship, between 'the Creator' and 'His creation'. Other words that might help you to better appreciate it's special meaning, are - **Sacrifice, cherish, understanding, tenderness, caring, attachment, precious, kindhearted, fondness, embracing, beloved, worship, closeness and feeling.**

It has to be, one of the most beautiful and inspiring virtues ever to come out of the Heart of God! At it's very core, is warmth, tenderness and affection. There are many examples of this great virtue, that can be found in the pages of our bible (between ourselves); but the greatest, and most impressive example of them all, is the boundless love our glorious Creator feels, for us - His beloved children. His sons and daughters of the earth. Such feeling, such passion, such affection has He - for us, His lost children. What He feels for us, is rich in concern, for our very well-being; it is rich in wanting us back, so He can embrace us forever; it is rich in personal sacrifice, to endure such a brutal and humiliating crucifixion at the hands of evil men, so He can personally save us, from our sins; it is rich in devotion, to always fulfill the wonderful and glorious Will of God, at any cost!

Remember this beautiful passage from the Word of God -
John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

As we ponder this - the tears begin to well up in our eyes, as we come to realize, just how much 'our beloved' actually cares for us. The great love that He feels for us, burns ever so brightly, for all His children of the earth. For Him, there is such an abundance of it, that it is like a powerful river, that flows strongly in our direction, and it comes to us, in the form of one man - a man called Jesus!

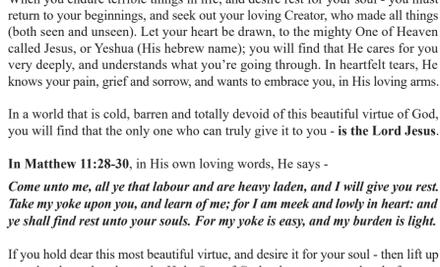
He came down from His lofty place in eternity, so He could dwell amongst us, and see for Himself all that we are and what we go through in life, and for Him to live His life totally free of sin, without blemish. He was the perfect sacrifice for us, through His death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. Rejoice my friends Rejoice! For He is the most beautiful gift we have ever been given!

Unlike a normal sacrificial lamb, who knows not why He is being sacrificed, Jesus knew exactly why He was going to be put to death on the cross, and all the terrible things that was going to happen to Him, if He allowed Himself to be crucified; **but because He loved us so much**, and wanted to save us from our sins, and bring us back into God's loving presence - He went ahead with it!

When the light of God's Wisdom comes to us, we are amazed and awestruck, at what beautiful things 'our beloved' has been able to accomplish for us - such love, such sacrifice, such dedication has He, to always fulfill the Will of God!

With tears rolling down our cheeks, and our heads bowed ever so low, we look upon this wonderful act of love (that has absolutely amazed us), and say sincerely from our hearts, (with all the gratitude we can possibly muster) - Thank you my dear Lord Jesus, for your loving sacrifice for me a poor sinner, a wretched soul who knows that what you went through, was the greatest example of love ever!

With the help of our beloved Holy Spirit, we give thanks in the name of Jesus, for this stunning act of love, sacrifice & suffering, that was done on our behalf.



It literally means 'to suffer together' - to have a deep and genuine awareness, of the suffering or misfortune of others, with a strong desire to relieve it as soon as possible; to feel their pain and sorrow; to share it with them, as a co-sufferer. Other words that might help you to better appreciate it's special meaning, are - **Tenderness, feeling, concern, understanding, warmheartedness, empathy, heart, deeply felt, sensitive, sympathy, thoughtfulness, sharing and tears.**

Behold! What a beautiful, sensitive and tender virtue it is, that comes to us from the Heart of God. With heartfelt tears, we are shown how deeply He feels for us - His beloved children of the earth, when we go through terrible things in life.

In essence, it is the caring nature of God reaching out through us, to all who are suffering, and enduring great hardship, misfortune and adversity in life; it's very existence, shows us just how much He actually cares for us, in our times of great need; to make such a profoundly tender virtue as this - to help us help others!

Our beloved Maker, has given it to us - to share in their pain, grief and suffering; their troubles, sorrows and affliction - as a co-sufferer. We suffer with them, to show them that not only do we feel for them and what they are going through, we also want to relieve their suffering as well; and if we can't do that, at least, be there for them, to show them that they are not alone, and that they need not go through it on their own, without someone caring for them, in their darkest hours.

With a sharing heart - we feel for them, we care for them, we are concerned for them, we are sincere with them, we are generous with them, we embrace them, we weep with them, we share their pain with them, we are unselfish with them, we suffer with them, we are loving with them, we are warmhearted with them.

These are the feelings we should have, when we have His great virtue inside us. This is how we are supposed to help one another, through this beautiful virtue - to share in their troubles, anguish and distress, to walk side-by-side with them, as they go through the trials and tribulations of life; whether it is a stranger, a work colleague, a friend, a family member, or your enemy; it makes no difference, it is for everybody, everybody who needs help, through this caring virtue of God.

Compared to the simple human emotions of sympathy, empathy and consolation, **Compassion**, is more deeply felt and sharing of pain, than all of them combined.

What a beautiful, heartfelt virtue it is - that was made, for the suffering of others!

It helps us 'to feel what God feels', when He sees us going through terrible things in life; such feeling, such concern has He, for us, when we need Him the most!

This next bible verse proves how much He cares for us, and what we go through.
Exodus 3:7
And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows.

When we see people in distress, and suffering great hardships - we must learn to feel for them, and what they are going through. As His sentient children, we are capable of so much love and understanding, (having been created in the Image of God) we can feel what God feels, when He sees us going through hard times!

Your own life may be in turmoil, from having to endure the trials and tribulations of life - you may have survived natural disasters, only to go through more of the same; you may have a terminal illness, that you have only just found out about; someone very close to you, may have passed away, leaving you with a profound sense of loss and grief, that you find unbearable; a close friend of yours, has a terrible substance abuse problem, and is completely unable to help themselves; a much loved member of the family, has recently been diagnosed with dementia, and is absolutely terrified of their future; a beloved spouse, whom you care for very dearly (who has been your rock, for many years), has become gravely ill.

These are just a few examples, of what can happen to us, as we travel down the path of life - that can hurt us, and cause us much heartache, grief and suffering.

If you are going through something like this, then this message is for you: When you endure terrible things in life, and desire rest for your soul - you must return to your beginnings, and seek out your loving Creator, who made all things (both seen and unseen). Let your heart be drawn, to the mighty One of Heaven called Jesus, or Yeshua (His hebrew name); you will find that He cares for you very deeply, and understands what you're going through. In heartfelt tears, He knows your pain, grief and sorrow, and wants to embrace you, in His loving arms.

In a world that is cold, barren and totally devoid of this beautiful virtue of God, you will find that the only one who can truly give it to you - is the **Lord Jesus**.

In Matthew 11:28-30, in His own loving words, He says -
Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

If you find dear this most beautiful virtue, and desire it for your soul - then lift up your heads, and seek out the Holy One of God; who cares very deeply for you, and desires to hold you, comfort you, and give you rest, in your hour of need!

You will find that He is the most caring and compassionate soul, ever to walk the earth. He is the one whom you must focus upon, and call to in your prayers.

You must seek Him earnestly and honestly, to receive His loving **Compassion**.

He wants very much to give it to you; all you have to do, is ask Him for it - it's that simple! You don't even have to say it out aloud, just think it, inside your heart - believe me, He can see and hear, everything that you are thinking about right now; that's right, He can do all this, and much much more. He can give you the peace that you are longing for so desperately, in your life, and for you to rely upon Him every day, to feel His loving presence wherever you may be.

When you receive it, you will have tears of gratitude in your eyes, and feelings of thankfulness in your heart. You will find that His **Compassion**, is like a bright light that is stunningly warm, comforting and nurturing, and it comes to you in the middle of this dark, cold and barren landscape, that is your sorrow, and you will know that it is worth more than all the gold in Fort Knox. So beautiful and precious is it - you will want to hold onto it with both hands, and never let go!

Lift up your eyes unto Heaven, and give thanks, for all that He has given you!

It is important to remember that, 'intention is everything, in the eyes of God', this means that, everything we do - we do for the right reasons, under Heaven!

That in everything we do, our intentions are true and correct, in the sight of God; our aim, our purpose, our objective, our goal, is consistent with His mighty Will, especially when it concerns the act of **Compassion**, our reasons must be pure.

When we have **Compassion** for someone, who is suffering in life; we must do it for the right reasons under Heaven - for their benefit, and the Glory of God.

Sadly, it has to be said, many people show 'Pretend compassion' these days - this is where 'the appearance' of doing it, is more important, than actually doing it.

It is done, to further one's own career or image, in the eyes of those looking on; to lift and promote oneself - so they can receive accolades, praise, adoration, compliments, honor, and 'a pat on the back', for what they 'appear to be doing'.

This angers our beloved Creator - to see His great virtue, abused in this manner; and those needing it (in their darkest hours) never receiving it, as He intended.

In John 12:43,
it is written - For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Remember -
The best **Compassion**, is done behind closed doors; in other words, it is done, for the benefit of those who need it - not 'to lift' the profile of the one showing it; that what is in your heart, is open, transparent and sincere, in the sight of God.

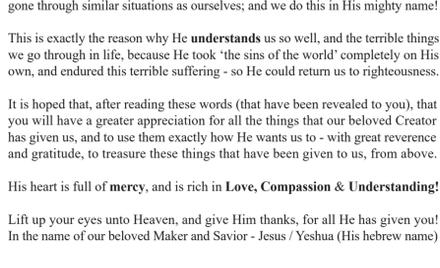
By genuinely feeling, for the suffering of others in this world (and not seeking the praise of those around you), you automatically put others first in your heart, and by doing so, you please God, because you are doing it, for the right reasons!

The late great Billy Graham said it best, when he said '**We cannot cover from the X-ray eyes of God, He sees, He knows!**' The Mighty One, who can see into your heart - already knows what your reasons are, your motivation for doing things.

So, if you are not doing things for the right reasons - **you**, will be held to account!

I leave you with a link (to a beautiful youtube video), that will stir your heart for the Glory of God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YSSM18uJ1IQ&t=327s>
Hold the cursor over the link (in blue) and click it, and it will take you to this short video - that will show you what it is like, to feel for the suffering of others.

Make sure you have the sound on when you view it, and watch it in it's entirety. See the images of a grieving widow, and a young son (right at the very end), who with a face filled with anguish and grief - tries very hard, to put on a brave face.



It is the withholding of a just condemnation - towards those, who have sinned against our mighty Creator; and have shown repentance, for what they have done. It is a wonderful virtue; for without it, we would all be wiped out by His wrath. Other words that might help you to better appreciate it's special meaning, are - **Clemency, kindness, leniency, grace, soft-heartedness, feeling, benevolence, generosity, precious, beneficence, favor, reprieve, understanding and heart.**

Here is another wonderful virtue of God; so tender and precious is it, to those of us, who have it lovingly granted to us, in our hour of need - before the fury of God's wrath consumes us. It is the holding back of righteous punishment, for those who have transgressed against God - and shown sincere regret for their actions, through the loving sacrifice and raising from the dead, of the Lord Jesus.

One example, of God's tender mercy, can be found in the Book of Jonah, in the Old Testament - here, a terrible message was given to the citizens of Nineveh, (which was the capital of the Assyrian Empire at the time). The prophet Jonah cried out, that the city would be overthrown in forty days; the people believed and repented of their evil ways, every single one of them, from the greatest of them, to the least of them, and the wrath of God, was stopped from going ahead.

When they sincerely repented to God - He showed great mercy upon them all!

Of course, the greatest example - of this magnificent virtue, comes to us direct from the cross - such love, such understanding, such feeling! The tears begin to well up in our eyes, when we see what our beloved Savior actually went through, on the cross, on our behalf - so He could return us to the holy presence of God.

To put it simply - we, the descendants of Adam and Eve, have had our sinful natures passed down to us, through every generation upon the earth; because of their original sin, every single one of us, has fallen short of the Glory of God.

In truth, we all deserve to receive in full, God's terrible judgment for our sins, that have separated us from Him. Ever since the first sin, all their descendants, that came after them (that were born of a man and a woman), have been born in sin; the first sin affected all of us, all of us except one - our beloved Lord Jesus.

He was born here on earth, just like we all were - but He was not 'born in sin' like we were. Jesus did have an earthly biological mother, but He didn't have an earthly biological father like the rest of us, but through the Holy Spirit was He conceived. Because of that, He was 'as pure as the driven snow', without blemish of any kind, whether it was physically, or in His heart - He had no sin!

Even when He was being tested in the great temptation of Satan, He remained steadfastly free of sin, under Heaven. Throughout His whole life here on earth, from His birth, through to His death on the cross and resurrection from the dead, He did not sin. Because we are sinners, we cannot meet the high standards of righteousness, that is required of us by our mighty Creator, on our own. That is why we need the tender mercy of God, which comes to us direct from the cross!

It is true - on our own, we cannot measure up to His glorious righteousness, our sinful natures have made sure of that. The **only way** we can be accepted into His holy presence, is through the blood of Jesus, who paid the terrible price for our sins, so He could save us all. He took 'the sins of the world' upon His shoulders, so that we could be returned, to God. In our hearts, we must acknowledge our complete and total inability, to save ourselves; and that we need the mercy of God, to give us His loving Grace, so He can cleanse and purify us, for God.

Remember - just as we have been shown great mercy, for our sins against God, we should also show great mercy, to those that come before us, asking it of us!

We should not withhold it, from those that seek it diligently, with a sincere heart!

Look upon these beautiful verses from the Word of God - when you read them, see how wonderful His loving mercy truly is, and that it is a precious gift indeed!

Psalms 108:4
For thy mercy is great above the heavens;
and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Psalms 63:7
Because thou hast been my help,
therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

Psalms 33:18
Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him,
upon them that hope in his mercy.

Psalms 145:8
The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion;
slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Psalms 103:11
For as the heaven is high above the earth,
so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

Psalms 23:6
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

When we go through the same things that others have gone through in life, we can personally relate to them, and what they went through. Because we share the same experiences, we know what it is like; we can see things, through their eyes. When we can appreciate what they went through - this, is called **Understanding!** Other words that might help you to better appreciate it's special meaning, are - **Feeling, sensitive, awareness, compassion, closeness, discerning, tenderness, mercifulness, generosity, kindheartedness, connection and thoughtfulness.**

In simple terms - it is the ability to see things, through the eyes of another person.

It is - knowing what someone has gone through; to see things from their point of view; to share their experiences; to know their feelings, and why they do things.

For us, it is a wonderful, caring and perceptive virtue, that comes to us from our beloved Creator. When we can see things from the other person's viewpoint, we can better appreciate what their reasons are; their motivation, for doing things.

Here are a few examples, of how we use this great virtue, in our everyday lives.

A person who's had a close family member pass away - **understands** someone's grief at a funeral; more than a person, who has never had a death in the family.

A person who nearly drowns - **understands** the absolute panic, of someone who is drowning; more than a person, who has never had a close call, in their lives.

A person that cannot hear - **understands** what a deaf person goes through, on a daily basis; more than someone who is not deaf at all, and has perfect hearing.

So important, is the virtue of **Understanding**, that you cannot make a true and proper judgment, about anything - without having His great virtue, inside you!

So important is it, that it has it's hand in every one of God's wonderful virtues.

Have you ever heard this magnificent old saying - **Walk a mile in my shoes?**

For anyone, to get a better **understanding and appreciation**, of what another person has gone through in their life (their thoughts, actions and feelings), then they must be willing to go through it themselves, to experience what they went through; so they can see things through their eyes, and understand them better.

How else can one get a better **understanding**, of what someone has actually gone through, without walking a mile in that person's shoes; to feel what they feel!

When Jesus lived, was crucified and resurrected here, He didn't just walk a mile in our shoes. He walked ten thousand miles in our shoes! He became one with us, and dwelt long with us. He got to know us very intimately, inside and out!

By Him coming down from Heaven and starting from the ground up, as a new born infant, and living as He did (within the confines of His human body), He is by definition - The most qualified individual who has ever lived (on earth), to know all there is to know, about humanity, under the terrible weight of sin.

There are 2 reasons why Jesus knows us so well, and what we go through in life: **1**, He knows what's in our hearts, and **2**, He lived here 'as one of us', on earth.

1, He is our mighty and glorious Creator - Maker of all things, seen and unseen. His lofty Kingdom towers above all creation, at the very summit of the heavens! It sits forever in eternity - with majesty and splendence as it's clothing, mercy and understanding as it's habitation. How great is our beloved Maker, who rules masterfully from His glorious throne, with the heavens and the earth far below.

As God, majestic and exalted as He - there is nothing He cannot see; nothing He cannot do; no heart can hide from Him - all is laid bare, and nothing is hidden! He looks down upon the sons and daughters of men - and sees into their hearts.

2, He came down from His lofty place in eternity, so He could dwell amongst us, and to experience for Himself, all that we go through in life - our successes, our failures, and everything inbetween. He became one of us, in everything that we are, and learnt for Himself, exactly what it means to be human, and live like us.

So if anyone thinks, that He is too far removed from us and our problems (what we go through in life) to even care - is so far off the mark, it is not even funny.

When the Lord Jesus came and dwelt amongst us centuries ago, He saw us at our very best, and our very worst. He saw us work hard, for little reward; He saw us care deeply for our families, as the problems of life raged on around us; He saw us struggle, when the noose of the tax collector closed in around them.

He saw us when we were put away and forgotten about, for having all manner of devastating contagious diseases and disabilities - such as the palsy, leprosy, blindness and deafness; and those around them couldn't deal with them anymore. He saw it in our eyes - a desperate struggle for life, as we were living and dying for inches; He saw us scared and frightened in our darkest hour, full of despair.

He saw us suffer, under the occupation of the Roman empire, with all it's pagan rituals and Gods; He saw us in desperate need of a good shepherd, to come and save them; He saw us deep in lamentation, when our loved ones passed away; He saw us get angry and frustrated, at having to deal with the evil, deceitful and opportunistic individuals, that we came across in life; He saw us when we were trying to do the very best that we possibly could, in a world out of our control!

When Jesus came into this world, He was born flesh and blood, the same as us; He took in breath, the same as us; His heart beat inside His chest, the same as us; He had brothers and sisters, the same as us; He hungered, the same as us; He thirsted, the same as us; He felt the hot sun upon His face, the same as us; He felt the cold and shivered, the same as us; He felt the cooling rain fall upon His face, the same as us; He felt the sharp rocks under His feet, the same as us.

He slept, the same as us; He felt pain, the same as us; He wept, the same as us; He bled, the same as us; He sweat, the same as us; He endured temptation, the same as us; He dealt with two-faced silver tongued devils (evil men), the same as us; He got angry and frustrated with them, the same as us; He went through all these things upon the earth, the same as us. Everything that we go through in life, He has gone through Himself when He was here centuries ago. He has indeed received His full measure of all that we go through in life here on Earth.

He knows what we endure, in this very mortal coil of ours, having experienced life on this earth 'through our eyes', under the punishing weight of our own sin!

Is there anyone - who is more eminently qualified to be able to pass judgment upon us - who has a better understanding of human nature, with all it's frailties and shortcomings - who has not sinned even once, in the sight of His Heavenly Father, than the Lord Jesus Christ Himself? There is no-one, no, not even one!

He dwelt long with us, and was not corrupted by us in any way, shape or form. Remember, each of us is defined (in our Heavenly Father's eyes), by what sort of personal relationship we have with the Lord Jesus right now. Yes, that's right! His opinion of us (individually) is extremely important to our eternal futures. It is the difference between seeing our names written in the Lamb's book of life, or not! Do you now **understand** how critical it is, to have Him, as your savior?

With the Holy Spirit - we bear our hardships, with the help of the Lord Jesus, so we can better **understand** the suffering and misfortune of others, who have gone through similar situations as ourselves; and we do this in His mighty name!

This is exactly the reason why He **understands** us so well, and the terrible things we go through in life, because He took 'the sins of the world' completely on His own, and endured this terrible suffering - so He could return us to righteousness.

It is hoped that, after reading these words (that have been revealed to you), that you will have a greater appreciation for all the things that our beloved Creator has given us, and to use them exactly how He wants us to - with great reverence and gratitude, to treasure these things that have been given to us, from above.

His heart is full of mercy, and is rich in Love, Compassion & Understanding!

Lift up your eyes unto Heaven, and give Him thanks, for all He has given you! In the name of our beloved Maker and Savior - Jesus / Yeshua (His hebrew name)

God bless