

Salvation is given to believers as a free gift from God, but it was *not* free for God. His love for us was paid for with the life of His only Son.

Love and compassion always come with a price in time, talent, or treasure - and often, all three. Jesus illustrated the price of compassion in His parable of the Good Samaritan. The Samaritan man who helped the injured Jewish man paid with his time - he interrupted his own travels to stop and help. He paid with his talent - he employed his creative compassion to make arrangements for the man's care. He also paid with his treasure - he paid out of his own pocket for the victimized man to be cared for at an inn. Jesus' story illustrates that love and compassion are not free. It will cost something to be compassionate to those in need.

Pray for the grace to expend time, talent, and treasure toward those in need.

1 Peter 3:8 "Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous."