

VI. THE PERFECTION OF PATTERNS—THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

A. The Moving of Christ (Matthew 9:36; Matthew 14:14; Matthew 15:32; Matthew 20:34; Mark 1:41; Mark 5:19; Mark 6:34; Luke 7:13)

1. The word *compassion* consists of two components: “com” plus “passion.”
2. Considering both parts together will help one gain the understanding of the compound word.
 - a. Acts 1:3 defines the root word “passion” as suffering.
 - b. The prefix “com” means with.
 - c. Therefore, the compound word, compassion means to suffer with someone.

B. The Message of Christ

1. The audience of His message
 - a. The size of the audience
 - (1) The multitudes (Matthew 4:23-25; Matthew 5:1-2; Matthew 9:35-38; Matthew 13:1-3; Matthew 15:29-32)
 - (2) The few (Mark 13:1-6; John 3:1-3; John 4:1-10)
 - b. The background of the audience
 - (1) The religious (John 3:1-3)
 - (2) The wicked (John 4:1-10)
 - c. The understanding of the audience
 - (1) The wise (Matthew 22:34-40)
 - (2) The simple (John 9:13-38)
2. The nature of His message
 - a. To the Jewish people
 - (1) The Lord was not sent to the Gentiles (Matthew 15:21-28)
 - (2) The disciples were not sent to the Gentiles (Matthew 10:5-7)
 - b. Of a coming kingdom
 - (1) The Lord told His disciples to preach about the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 10:5-7).
 - (2) The Lord stated that the kingdom of which they were preaching was “at hand” (Matthew 10:7).
 - (3) The disciples were taught to pray for the entrance of that kingdom (Matthew 6:9-13).

C. The Methodology of Christ

1. He worked and taught differently depending upon the current audience.
 - a. His dealings with potential followers (John 1:37-51)
 - (1) Andrew and an unnamed Disciple (John 1:37-39)
 - (2) Peter (John 1:40-42)
 - (3) Philip (John 1:43-44)
 - (4) Nathanael (John 1:45-51)

- b. His dealings with a religious master (John 3:1-21)
 - (1) Nicodemus' approach and Christ's response (John 3:1-3)
 - (2) Nicodemus' confusion and Christ's response (John 3:4-21)
- c. His dealings with a shunned woman (John 4:5-30)
 - (1) His purposeful journey (John 4:5-8)
 - (2) Her marvel (John 4:9-15)
 - (3) His address of sin (John 4:16-26)
 - (4) Her marvel (John 4:27-30)
- d. His dealings with a man long time impotent (John 5:1-16)
 - (1) The man's impossible situation (John 5:1-5)
 - (2) Christ's question (John 5:6)
 - (3) The man's response (John 5:7)
 - (4) Christ's solution (John 5:8-16)
- e. His dealings with a woman taken in adultery (John 8:1-11)
 - (1) The woman's obvious quandary (John 8:1-4)
 - (2) The accusers' new quandary (John 8:5-9)
 - (3) Christ's address to the woman (John 8:10-11)
- f. His dealings with a man born blind (John 9:1-41)
 - (1) Christ's initial preservation of the man's integrity (John 9:1-7)
 - (2) The man's new attacks (John 9:8-34)
 - (3) Christ's continued care for the man (John 9:35-41)
- g. His dealings with a grieving family (John 11:1-44)
 - (1) His delay (John 11:1-6)
 - (2) His dealings with the disciples (John 11:7-16)
 - (3) His dealings with the women (John 11:17-44)
- h. His dealings with a rebuked servant (John 12:1-8)
 - (1) Mary's service and rebuke (John 12:1-6)
 - (2) His defense and rebuke (John 12:7-8)
- i. His dealings with a betraying sinner (John 13:1-30)
 - (1) His knowledge (John 13:1-3)
 - (2) His humility (John 13:4-17)
 - (3) His education (John 13:18-26)
 - (4) His allowance (John 13:27-30)
- j. His dealings with endearing disciples (John 13:31-38; John 14:1-31; John 15:1-27; John 16:1-33; John 17:1-26)
 - (1) His encouragement to love (John 13:31-38)
 - (2) His promise of reunion (John 14:1-11)
 - (3) His encouragement to service, love, and fellowship (John 14:12-31; John 15:1-17)
 - (4) His comfort in troubles (John 15:18-27; John 16:1-33)
 - (5) His prayer for disciples (John 17:1-26)
- k. His dealings with hostile pursuits (John 18:1-11)
 - (1) His question of seeking (John 18:1-4)
 - (2) His fearful response (John 18:5-7)
 - (3) His care for others (John 18:8-11)

- l. His dealings with abusive authoritarians (John 18:12-40; John 19:7-11)
 - (1) His allowance of improper authority (John 18:12-13)
 - (2) His answer concerning improper authority (John 18:19-23, 33-37; John 19:7-11)
- m. His dealings with a hurting mother (John 19:26-27)
 - (1) His selflessness (John 19:26)
 - (2) His attentiveness (John 19:26-27)
- n. His dealings with confused and hurting followers (John 20:11-31)
 - (1) His care (John 20:11-17)
 - (2) His openness (John 20:19-31)
- o. His dealings with disillusioned disciples (John 21:1-23)
 - (1) His provisions (John 21:1-14)
 - (2) His Provocation (John 21:15-17)
 - (3) His Testing (John 21:18-23)
2. He employed various methods that would demonstrate the perfection of what one should be as a teacher.
 - a. He employed the use of earthly truths that would have been familiar to those who were in His audience.
 - (1) Fishers of men (Matthew 4:18-19)
 - (2) Salt (Matthew 5:13)
 - (3) A candle (Matthew 5:14-16)
 - (4) Stolen possessions (Matthew 6:19-21)
 - (5) The fowls of the air (Matthew 6:25-27)
 - (6) The lilies of the field (Matthew 6:28-32)
 - (7) A mote (Matthew 7:1-5)
 - (8) The gifts of a father (Matthew 7:7-11)
 - (9) The fruit of a tree (Matthew 7:15-20)
 - (10) The foundation of a house (Matthew 7:21-29)
 - (11) The need of a physician (Matthew 9:9-13)
 - (12) Patching with a cloth (Matthew 9:16)
 - (13) Preserving wine (Matthew 9:17)
 - (14) A harvest (Matthew 9:36-38)
 - (15) Sheep in the midst of wolves (Matthew 10:16-23)
 - (16) Sparrows (Matthew 10:29-31)
 - (17) Children in the markets (Matthew 11:16-19)
 - (18) A yoke (Matthew 11:28-30)
 - (19) Fallen sheep (Matthew 12:10-13)
 - (20) A divided kingdom (Matthew 12:22-30)
 - (21) The home of an unclean spirit (Matthew 12:43-45)
 - (22) A sower sowing seed (Matthew 13:3-8)
 - (23) The sowing of good seed (Matthew 13:24-30)
 - (24) A grain of mustard seed (Matthew 13:31-32)
 - (25) Leaven (Matthew 13:33)
 - (26) Hidden treasure (Matthew 13:44)
 - (27) Goodly pearls (Matthew 13:45-46)
 - (28) A net (Matthew 13:47-50)
 - (29) A householder (Matthew 13:52)

- (30) Blind leading blind (Matthew 15:14)
- (31) The children and dogs (Matthew 15:21-28)
- (32) A little child (Matthew 18:1-3)
- (33) The danger of offence (Matthew 18:6-10)
- (34) A lost sheep (Matthew 18:11-14)
- (35) The account of servants (Matthew 18:23-35)
- (36) A camel going through the eye of a needle (Matthew 19:23-26)
- (37) The hiring of servants (Matthew 20:1-16)
- (38) Two sons (Matthew 21:28-31)
- (39) The vineyard of a householder (Matthew 21:33-45)
- (40) A marriage for the king's son (Matthew 22:1-14)
- (41) The burden of the scribes and Pharisees (Matthew 23:1-8)
- (42) Strain at a gnat and swallow a camel (Matthew 23:24)
- (43) Cleaning a cup or platter (Matthew 23:25-26)
- (44) Whited sepulchers (Matthew 23:27-28)
- (45) The goodman of the house (Matthew 24:43-44)
- (46) Faithful servant (Matthew 24:45-51)
- (47) Ten virgins (Matthew 25:1-13)
- (48) A man travelling in a far country (Matthew 25:14-30)
- b. He took the knowledge currently held by His audience and built upon it.
 - (1) Killing (Matthew 5:21-26)
 - (2) Adultery (Matthew 5:27-32)
 - (3) Swearing (Matthew 5:33-37)
 - (4) Revenge (Matthew 5:38-42)
 - (5) Loving your neighbour (Matthew 5:43-48)
- c. He exposed error and demonstrated its grossness and folly.
 - (1) The alms of hypocrites (Matthew 6:1-4)
 - (2) The prayers of hypocrites (Matthew 6:5-15)
 - (3) The fasting of hypocrites (Matthew 6:16-18)
 - (4) Concerning the sabbath (Matthew 12:1-8)
 - (5) Concerning divorce (Matthew 19:3-9)
 - (6) The dominion of the Gentiles (Matthew 20:25-28)
 - (7) Marriage of the resurrection (Matthew 22:23-33)
- d. He put His followers in positions to learn both doctrine and practice from life experiences.
 - (1) A storm at sea (Matthew 8:23-27)
 - (2) Feeding the five thousand men (Matthew 14:15-21)
 - (3) Another storm at sea (Matthew 14:22-33)
 - (4) Feeding the four thousand men (Matthew 15:32-39)
 - (5) The mount of transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9)
- e. He was willing to use hard and offensive words when necessary to shock the hearer and communicate truth.
 - (1) Let the dead bury the dead (Matthew 8:18-22)
 - (2) Peter's rebuke of the Lord (Matthew 16:21-23)
 - (3) Sell all that thou hast (Matthew 19:16-22)