

What Motivates God

Mark 1:40-45

- I. Jesus heals the Leper: Human faith and His own compassion motivated Jesus (Mark 1:40-42).
 - A. In faith, the leper pleaded for help (1:40).
 - **Jesus was motivated by the man's faith.**
 - 1. Faith is dependence.
 - 2. Faith is expectancy.
 - B. In compassion, Jesus healed the leper (1:41-42)
 - **Jesus was motivated by compassion.**
 - 1. Regardless of His answers, God has compassion on us in our needs and hurt.
 - 2. Regardless of our feelings, we must show compassion on those with needs and hurts.
- II. Jesus sends the Leper to the priest: Testimony to others motivated Jesus (Mark 1:43-45).
 - A. Jesus sent the leper to show himself to the priest, but told him not to tell others (1:44).
 - 1. Jesus did not want the crowds to know about the miracle yet (because it would hinder his public ministry).
 - 2. Jesus wanted the priests to know about the miracle immediately (Leviticus 14:1-11; Acts 6:7).
 - B. Because the leper told everyone Jesus moved to isolated places to get away from the crowds (1:45).
 - **Jesus was motivated by His desire to spread the good news about Himself.**