

Sharpening the Skill of Empathy #1

“The Definition of Empathy”

selected Scriptures

An Initial Definition

“Empathy” comes from the German *emfühlung*, literally meaning
“f_____ i_____.”

“It is as though we are in the d_____’s s_____ of the other person,
viewing the situation through his eyes, feeling as he feels.”

Galatians 6:2; Romans 12:15; and Hebrews 13:5 are all e_____ of empathy.

“Empathy reminds us of our own h_____ and allows space for another’s place in life.”

Empathy is the i_____ and e_____ identification of the thoughts, feelings, or state of another person

An Important Distinction

Both “empathy” and “sympathy” derive from the Greek *pathos*, but the two words are d_____.

In the New Testament, *pathos* is only used to describe b_____ things.

Sympathy is defined as “feelings of p_____ and s_____ for someone else’s misfortune.” It can including looking d_____ on others.

An Implicit Directive

Romans 12:15-16 - We need to step into the s_____ of others to see and feel from their perspective.

Galatians 6:2 - “Carry each other’s b_____.” This is empathy.

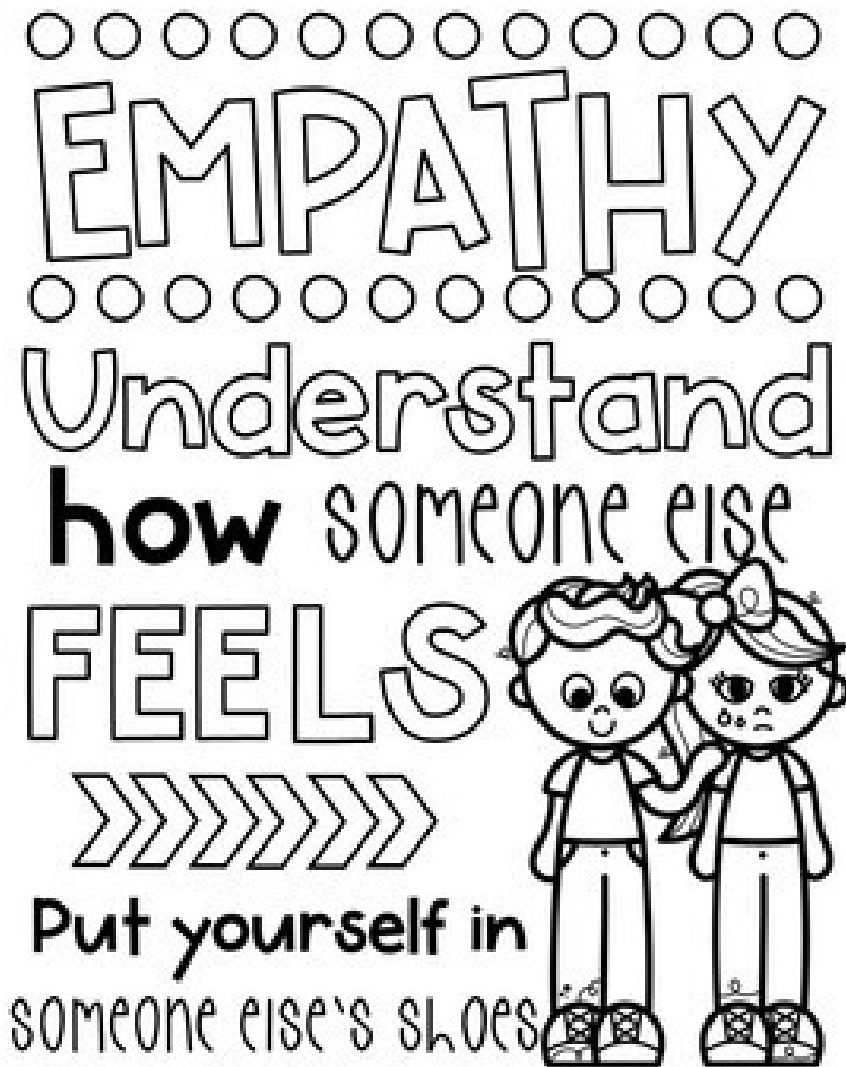
Colossians 3:12-14 - We need c_____, k_____, h_____, g_____, and p_____.

Word Search - Mark 6:30-34

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Y C U D E R E H T A G R W C O S
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AWAY	LEAVING	TAUGHT
BECAUSE	MANY	TEACHING
CHANCE	PLACE	THEM
COMING	QUIET	THEMSELVES
COMPASSION	RECOGNIZED	TOWNS
DONE	REPORTED	WITHOUT
FOOT	REST	YOURSELVES
GATHERED	SHEEP	EMPATHY

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*Rejoice with those who rejoice,
mourn with those who mourn
(Romans 12:15)*

*Remember those in prison as if you
were their fellow prisoners, and those
who are mistreated as if you yourselves
were suffering.
(Hebrews 13:5)*