



## Inner-Most Feelings—Part I

The Bible has much to say about the soul, how it works and the value it can bring to people in your life. More specifically, since the soul is the seat of your emotional life, from where your feelings originate, innermost feelings come into play in many Word-centered activities. The Greek word for compassion is splagchnizomai. This word is often translated compassion; it specifically refers to inner-most feelings. The root word, splagkhnon, means intestine or bowels. Figuratively, it refers to feelings from your gut. You are familiar with phrases like ‘gut feel’ or ‘my deepest feelings’. These and more have their basis in this Greek word.

Let’s look at several different usages of this Greek word, beginning with compassion that Jesus had for the multitudes.

### Faint, scattered sheep

(Mat 9:36 KJV) But



when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Jesus was moved to help these people because they fainted, were scattered abroad, and had no one to lead them. Can you imagine yourself in Jesus' situation, wanting to help so many people, and how you'd feel because of their desperation? The sight of them and realization of their needs triggered compassion in Jesus.

We will see that these examples of inner-most feelings leads to action.

(Mat 9:38 KJV) Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Jesus asked his disciples to pray. These emotions were so powerful that Jesus recognized the only way the multitude could be helped was with God’s help.

### Sickness

Our next example of splagchnizomai regards dealing with sick people.

(Mat 14:14 KJV) And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Jesus was moved by this multitude; the amount of sickness triggered his inner-most feelings and he began healing those who were sick. Your feelings can have a huge role to play when you

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are among people who need healings. Jesus was moved to heal people.

## Hunger and Fasting

Once again, Jesus faced the multitude, people who had been following Jesus for 3 days. During this time, they had had nothing or very little to eat.

(Mat 15:32 KJV) Then Jesus called his disciples *unto him*, and said, I have **compassion** on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

His inner-most feelings compelled him to feed them. He said that they would faint if he sent them away fasting, without anything to eat. It must have been desperate; but help was on the way.

Jesus took charge of the situation and you know the story quite well.

(Mat 15:36-37 KJV) And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake *them*, and gave

to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. {37} And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken *meat* that was left seven baskets full.

Jesus took seven loaves of bread and a few little fishes, and fed these people. What a remarkable story. We know that he was moved with compassion and performed this miracle. Know and believe that honorable feelings can trigger spiritually significant events.

## Financial Freedom

Manifestation of proper inner-most feelings can financially deliver others.

(Mat 18:27 KJV) Then the lord of that servant was moved with **compassion**, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

The lord of that servant had inner-most feelings that compelled him to unbind the servant and forgive him of debt.

The depth of feelings associated with this Greek word is capable of bringing tremendous deliverance to others.

## Eyesight

Its hard to imagine another significant aspect of humanity that renders as great deliverance as splagchnizomai, but the list goes on. The next example describes healing someone's eyesight.

(Mat 20:34 KJV) So Jesus had **compassion** on *them*, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

Jesus had compassion, inner-most feelings for 2 blind men; his disciples didn't want them to talk to Jesus, but Jesus was already overflowing with inner-most feelings. He touched their eyes; immediately, their blindness was healed, and they followed him.

## Skin diseases

The following describes a man being healed from leprosy, a terrible, disfiguring disease that ended a person's life after much suffering.

(Mark 1:41-42 KJV) And Jesus, moved with **compassion**, put forth *his hand*, and touched him, and saith

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unto him, I will; be thou clean. {42} And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

Jesus was moved to help; he put forth his hand, touched the man (absolute taboo in that culture) and spoke healing into being—I will, be thou clean. Can you imagine how thrilled this man was? And it was all because Jesus had been moved by his feelings.

I'll end Part I of this Artios here, but soon, you'll learn of many more examples of deliverance initiated by your inner-most feelings. Think of the joy.

Much Love in Christ,

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