## Compassion, Love, and Respect



#### DR. JACK KEVORKIAN: "Dying is not a crime"

# Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

1 Peter 2:17



Church gossip at its finest

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# Compassion to the compassionate.

Those who feel at liberty to find fault with and censure those whom God has chosen to act an important part in this last great work would better seek to be converted and to obtain the mind of Christ. {1T 527.1}

### The Pen of Prophecy

He who seeks to transform humanity must himself understand humanity. Only through sympathy, faith, and love can men be reached and uplifted. Here Christ stands revealed as the Master Teacher; of all that ever dwelt on the earth, He alone has perfect understanding of the human soul.--Ed 78 (1903). {2MCP 438.3}

There is a science in dealing with those who seem especially weak. If we would teach others, we ourselves must first learn of Christ. We need broad views, that we may do true medical missionary work and show tact in dealing with minds. {2MCP 438.4}

Those who are really the least in need of help are likely to receive the most of our attention. But we need to show special wisdom in dealing with those who seem inconsiderate and thoughtless. Some do not comprehend the sacredness of the work of God. Those of the least ability, the thoughtless, and even the indolent, especially demand careful, prayerful consideration. We must exercise tact in dealing with those who seem to be ignorant and out of the way. By persevering effort in their behalf we must help them to become useful in the Lord's work. They will respond readily to a patient, tender, loving interest. {2MCP 439.1}

We are to cooperate with the Lord Jesus in restoring the inefficient and the erring to intelligence and purity. This work ranks equally in importance with the work of the gospel ministry. We are called upon by God to manifest an untiring, patient interest in the salvation of those who need divine polishing.--Lt 113, 1905. (MM 209.) {2MCP 439.2}

"Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.





#### Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit.





## And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.



#### Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them.



## Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.





But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'



## So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.



#### "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"



They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease *his* vineyard to other vinedressers who will <sup>[g]</sup>render to him the fruits in their seasons."



#### Love and respect for others is a matter of Health

# Respect for authority

# Respect for people

#### Respecting other's point of view

#### Respect for other religions



## Respect for other political views

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**'Those who teach the Bible in our churches** and our schools are not at liberty to unite in making apparent their prejudices for or against political men or measures, because by so doing they stir up the minds of others, leading each to advocate his favorite theory. There are among those professing to believe present truth, some who will thus be stirred up to express their sentiments and political preferences, so that division will be brought into the church.

The Lord would have His people bury political questions. On these themes silence is eloquence. Christ calls upon His followers to come into unity on the pure gospel principles which are plainly revealed in the word of God. We cannot with safety vote for political parties; for we do not know whom we are voting for. We cannot with safety take part in any political scheme.

Those who are Christians indeed will be branches of the true vine, and will bear the same fruit as the vine. They will act in harmony, in Christian fellowship. They will not wear political badges, but the badge of Christ.

## What are we to do, then?—Let political questions alone.

There is a large vineyard to be cultivated; but while Christians are to work among unbelievers, they are not to appear like worldlings. They are not to spend their time talking politics or acting politics; for by so doing they give the enemy opportunity to come in and cause variance and discord. {CCh 316.5}

"The government under which Jesus lived was corrupt and oppressive; on every hand were crying abuses—extortion, intolerance, and grinding cruelty. Yet the Saviour attempted no civil reforms. He attacked no national abuses, nor condemned the national enemies. He did not interfere with the authority or administration of those in power.

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## Closing Hymn - #579 **'Tis Love That Makes Us** Happy



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