## COMPASSION / MERCY

## LIKELY QUALITIES AND TRAITS

- Express love, grace, and dignity to those facing hardships or crisis
- Sensitive to what the need is both the surface and the true root needs
- Tremendous capacity to show love
- Desires to remove the hurts of others, and takes action to do so
- More concerned for mental or emotional distress rather than physical
- More ruled by the heart than the head
- Always looks for good in people
- Drawn to people who are hurting or in distress
- Can spiritually discern or sense the emotional distress of others, sometimes even feeling it or suffering it with them
- Easily detects insincerity or wrong motives
- Is motivated to help people have right relationships with one another
- Avoids conflicts and confrontations
- Serve in difficult or unsightly circumstances, and do so cheerfully in spite of the undeserving nature of the needy without grudging or complaint
- Loves opportunities to give preference or place to others
- Doesn't like to be rushed in a job or activity
- Tolerant of individual differences
- Very sensitive to words and actions that may hurt others
- Is drawn to others with the gift of compassion
- Loves to do thoughtful things for others
- Typically cheerful and joyful
- Are loyal in friendships and expect the same from others
- Has a need for deep friendships
- Is trusting and tries to be trustworthy
- Is a crusader for good causes
- Intercedes for hurts and problems of others

## DANGERS TO BE AWARE OF

- Indecisive
- Easily hurt by others
- Taking up offenses (joins someone in their offense)
- Can be possessive
- Tolerating evil
- Leaning on emotions instead of reason
- Empathizing too much with others
- Affectionate nature is often misinterpreted by the opposite sex