

# NAVIGATE.

HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY JOURNEY  
THROUGH LIFE AND THESE TIMES

 Personally Financially Relationally Socially Systemically

PART FOUR

## THE COMPASS OF LOVE

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### Navigation Requires Fixed Points (coordinates)

#### #1 Jesus Christ

*Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.*  
(Hebrews 13:8)

#### #2 The Word of God

#### #3 Objective Truth and Facts

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#### 1 John 4:7

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.*

**8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.** 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that **we might live through Him.**

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John 3:16 Tells you everything essential that you need to know about the love of God, or what we can call **"the God kind of love."** There are four important ingredients to the God kind of love.

1. Love is universal and not selective
2. Love is sacrificial and not selfish
3. Love gives and doesn't take
4. Love leads to safe places

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Contrasted to the **"world's kind of love"** we find quite the opposite. The worldly kind of love is:

1. Narrow and highly selective
2. Stingy and selfish
3. Motivated by selfish gain
4. The best interests of others is not in view

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## Jesus Called Love the First and Great Commandment.

**Mark 12:28**, *One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"* 29 Jesus replied, *"The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. 30 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' 31 The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."*

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How we relate to, and navigate with, others is one of the most important skills of life. Entire books and courses are dedicated to how to relate to others. All this is good, but walking in love is the most helpful.

James called it the **"Royal Law."**

**James 2:8**, *Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Leviticus 19:17-18)*

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## God's Love Changed Your Character

**1 John 3:1**

*Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!*

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**Love keeps you out of envy**, which has ruined relationships. Cain envied his brother Abel.

**1 John 3:11** *For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, 12 not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.*

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- Doing for others will allow the love of God to activate within us.
- Sometimes we don't act on the abilities that we have.
- Love does not come naturally.
- The natural man is a natural mess.

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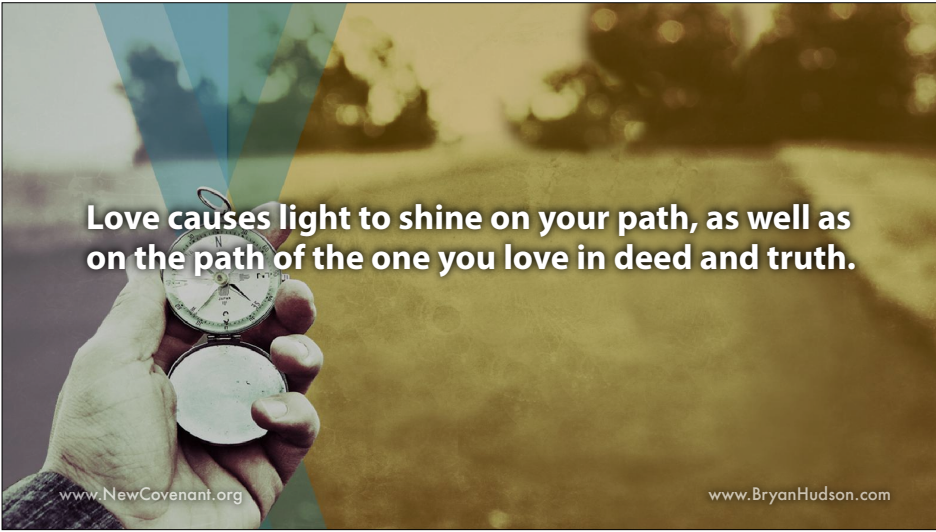
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We sometimes use words when we should be taking action.

**1 John 3:16**, *By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? v. 18, My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.*

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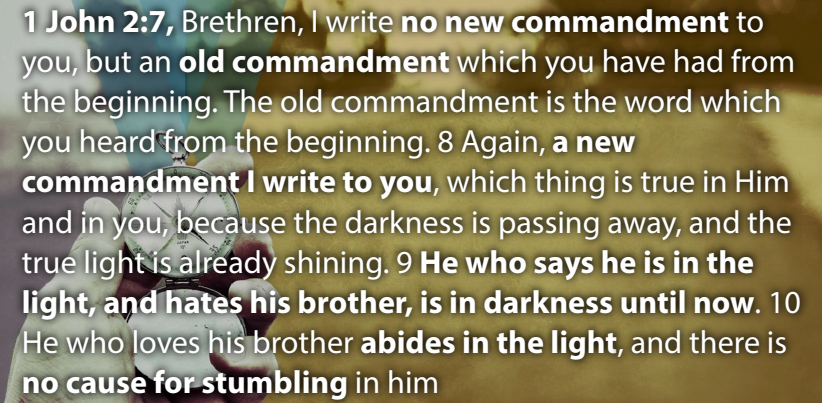
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Love causes light to shine on your path, as well as on the path of the one you love in deed and truth.

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**1 John 2:7**, Brethren, I write **no new commandment** to you, but an **old commandment** which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. 8 Again, **a new commandment I write to you**, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. 9 **He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.** 10 He who loves his brother **abides in the light**, and there is **no cause for stumbling** in him

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