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1 John 2 :4-11; 15-17

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Authenticity of our love for God

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Our Obedience reflects our love for GOD

Evidence of our love

Obedience to the Word

Obedience to the Commandments

Obedience to the Call

(1) Love is obedience in action

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v6: “must live as Jesus did.”

Second Evidence of our Identity

vs 6: to live as Jesus did

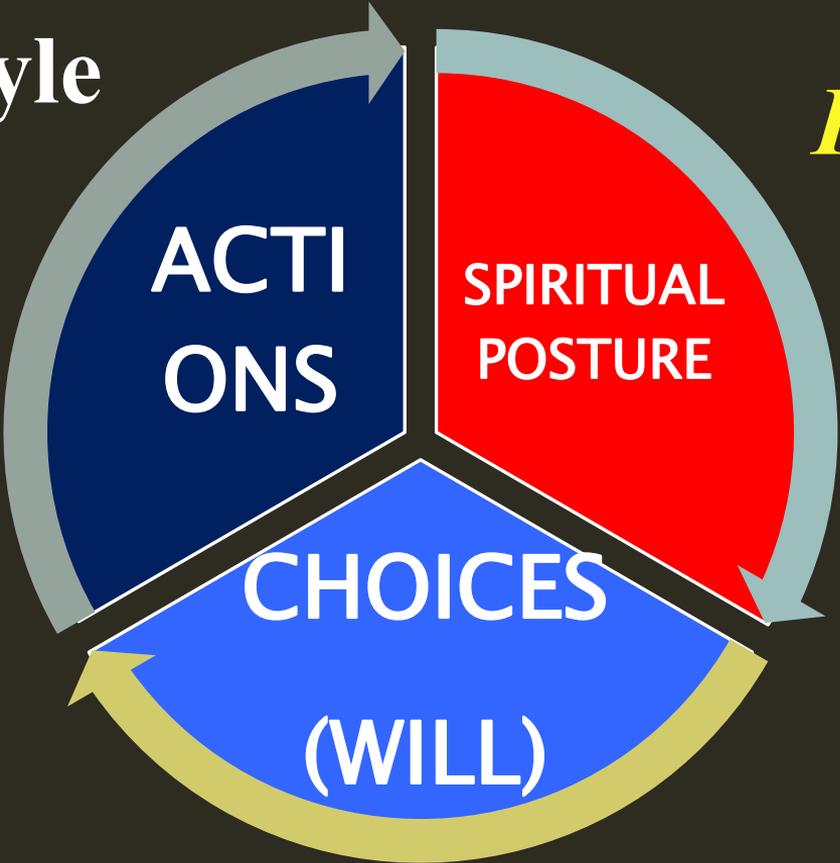
-> Lifestyle of Spiritual disciplines

Simplicity

Faithful service

Compassion

Lifestyle



Identity in Christ

Relationship

Obedience

God's living Truth & true Light in us

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(2) The Authenticity of our love

- Hatred has no place in love
- Agents of love has no fear of darkness
- Our love is a light unto darkness

Not loving the world

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the father is not in them. For everything in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

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Love for GOD vs love for the world

The lust of the flesh

The lust of the eyes

The pride of life

The world and its desires.....

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Matt 6:21 – “for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

v24: “No man can serve two masters.....you cannot serve both God and money.”

Not loving the world

Where are our treasures /focus?

The 3 temptations of Jesus:

Hunger vs *God's abundant provisions*

Security vs *God's protection*

Power vs *God's rule*

1 JOHN 2: 4-17

Love – obedience in action

Authenticity of our love

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The church is to reflect His love, brings hope and to shine in darkness

- by our true, authentic love
- by our simple lifestyles