

<u>3 Tests of Salvation giving in 1 John</u>

- 1. The Moral Test
- 2. The Doctrinal Test
- 3. The Relational Test



Love each other as I have loved you.

John 15:12

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Let love be without dissimulation ... be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.

Romans 12:9-10



Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

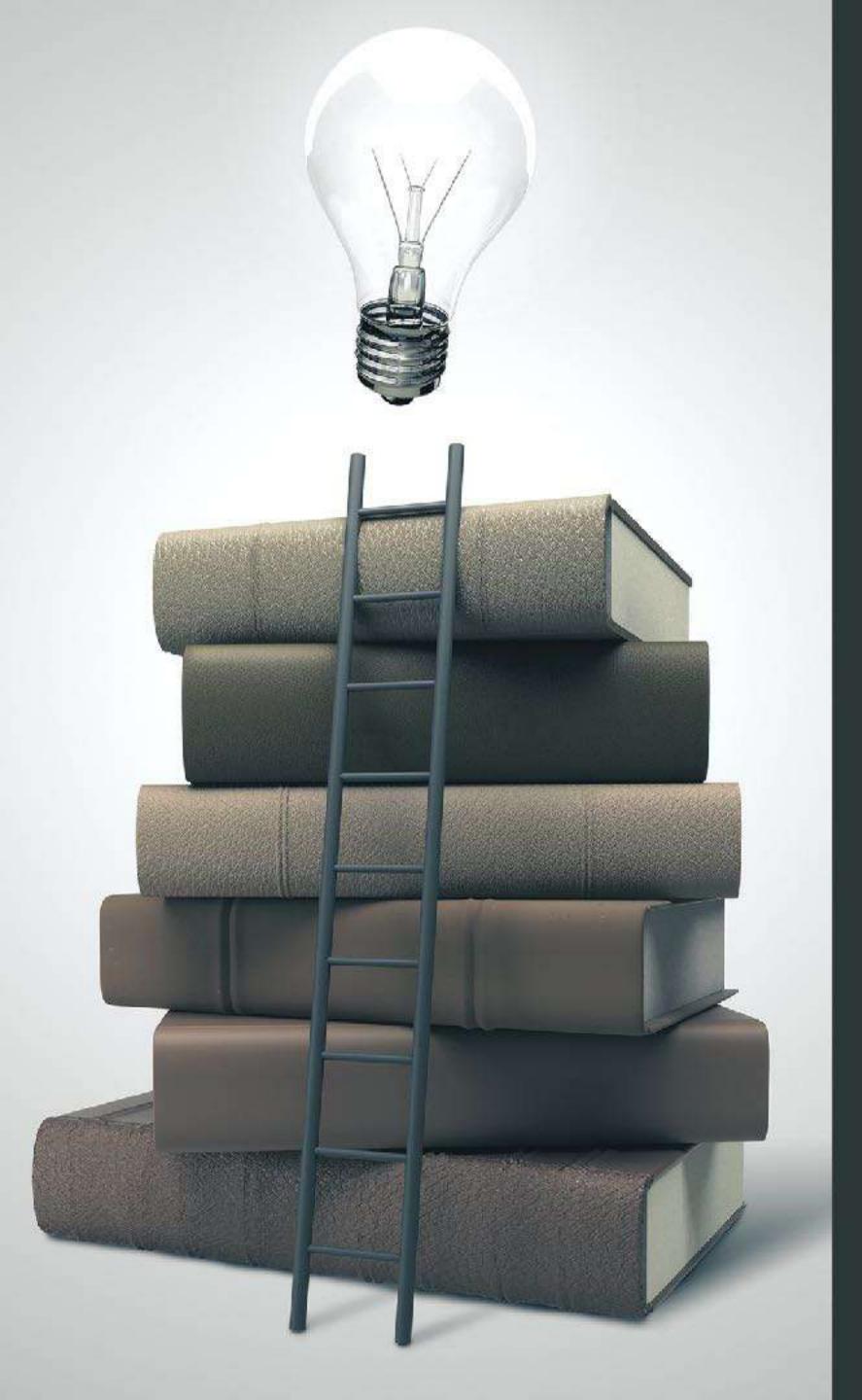
Galatians 6:2



What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith and have not works? Can faith save him?

James 2:14

Because Jesus commands His followers to possess true love, you must identify and practice true love.



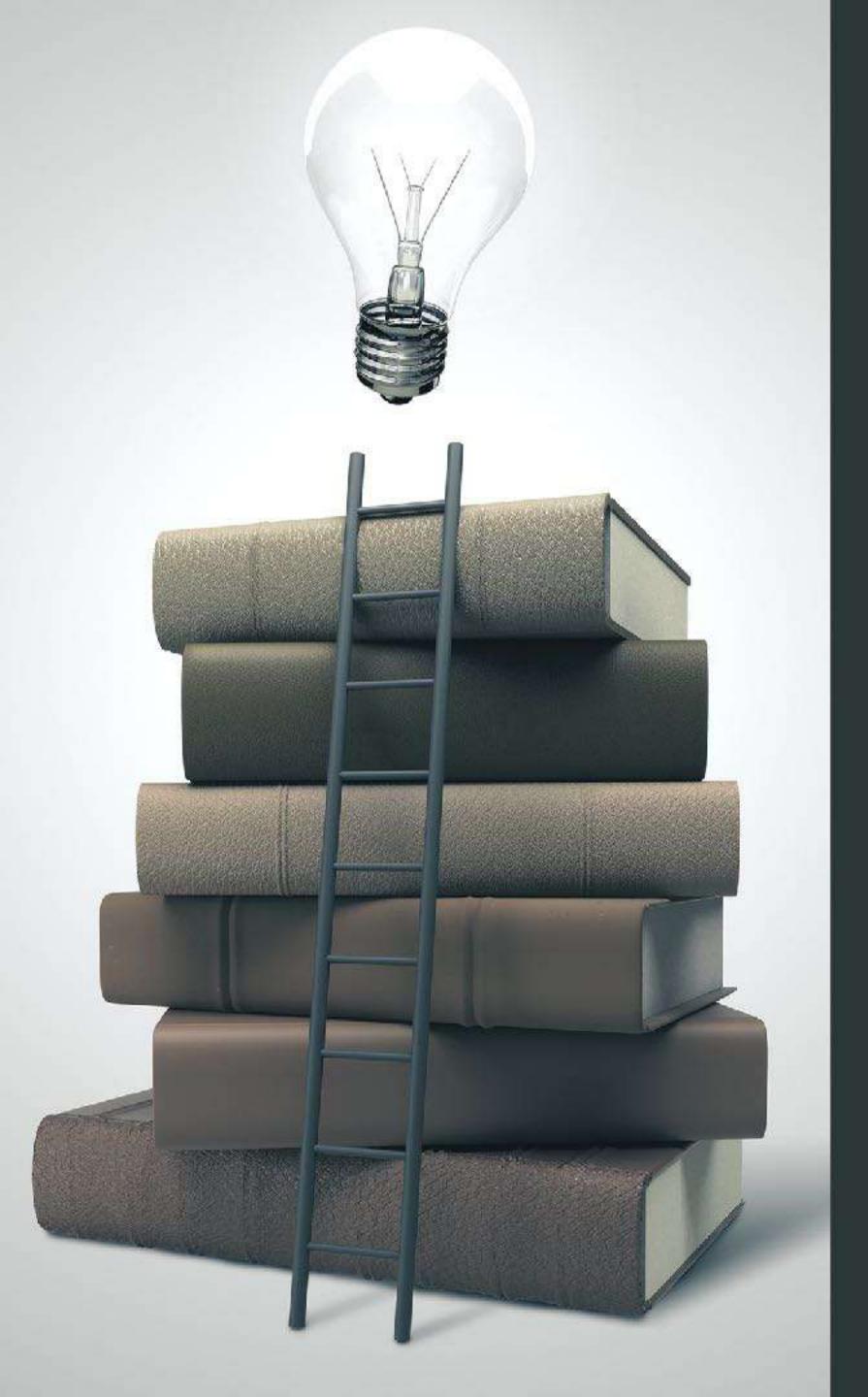
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- "The one who does not love his brother is not of God." (1 John 3:11)
- The concept of Christian love is nothing new.

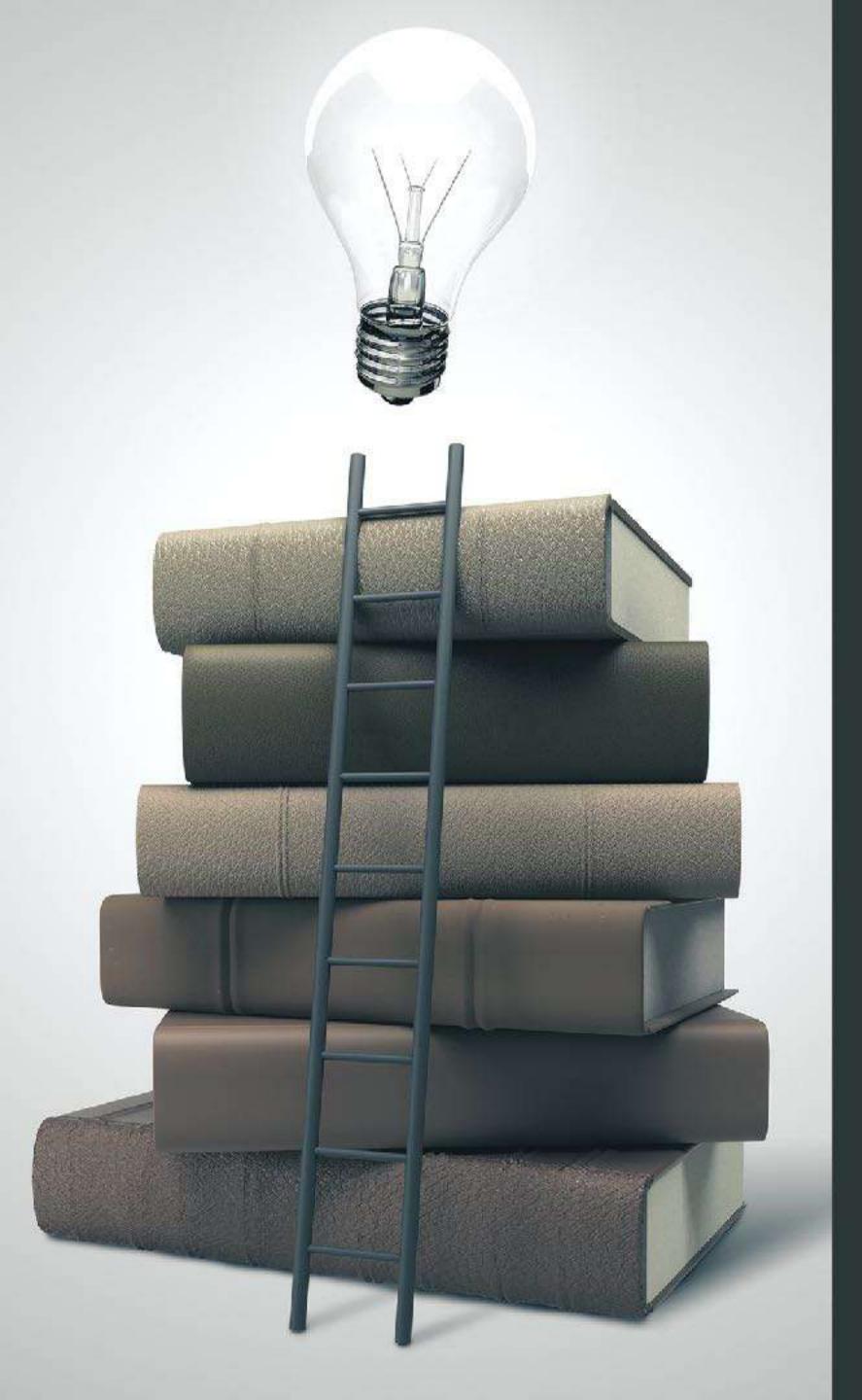


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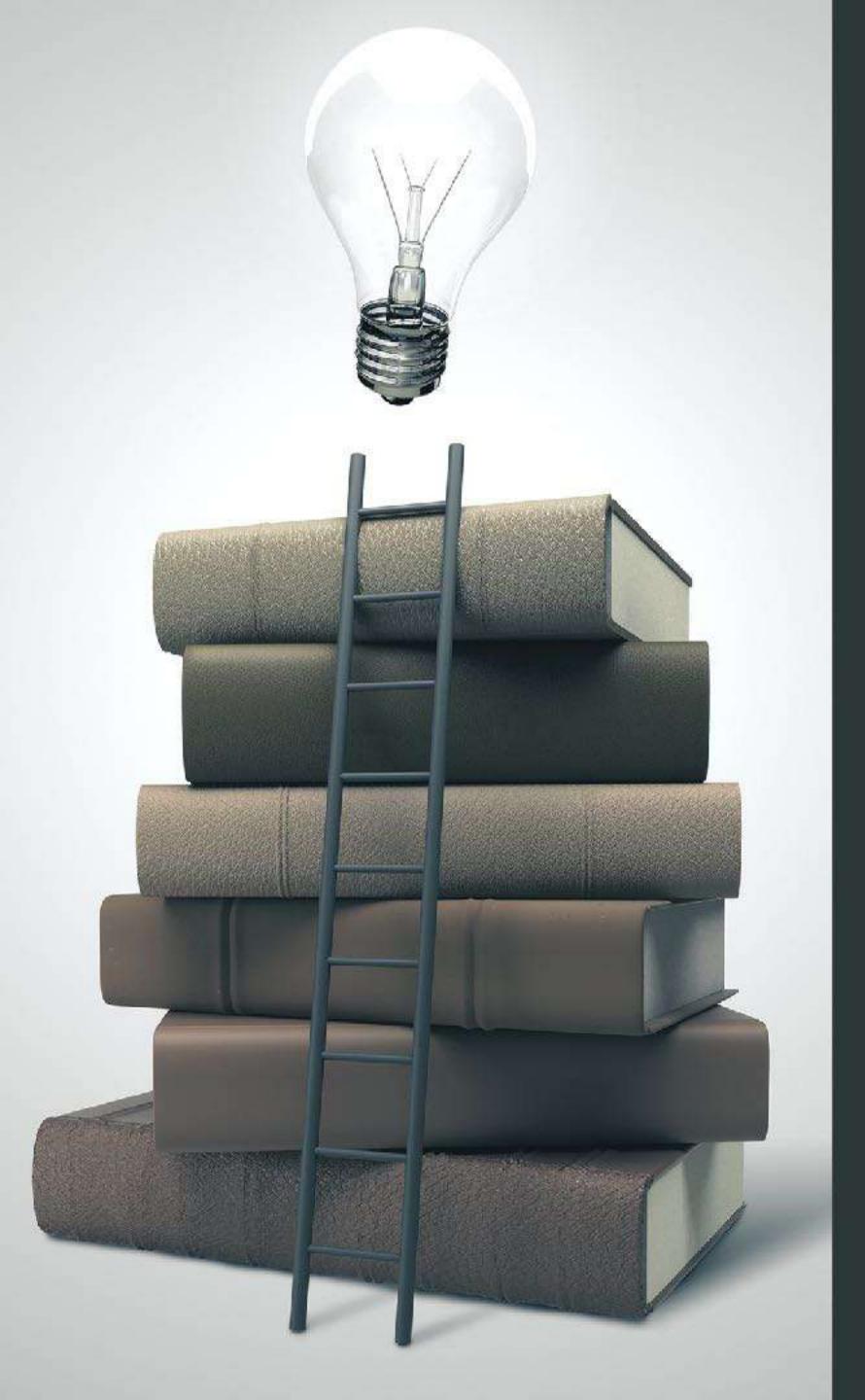


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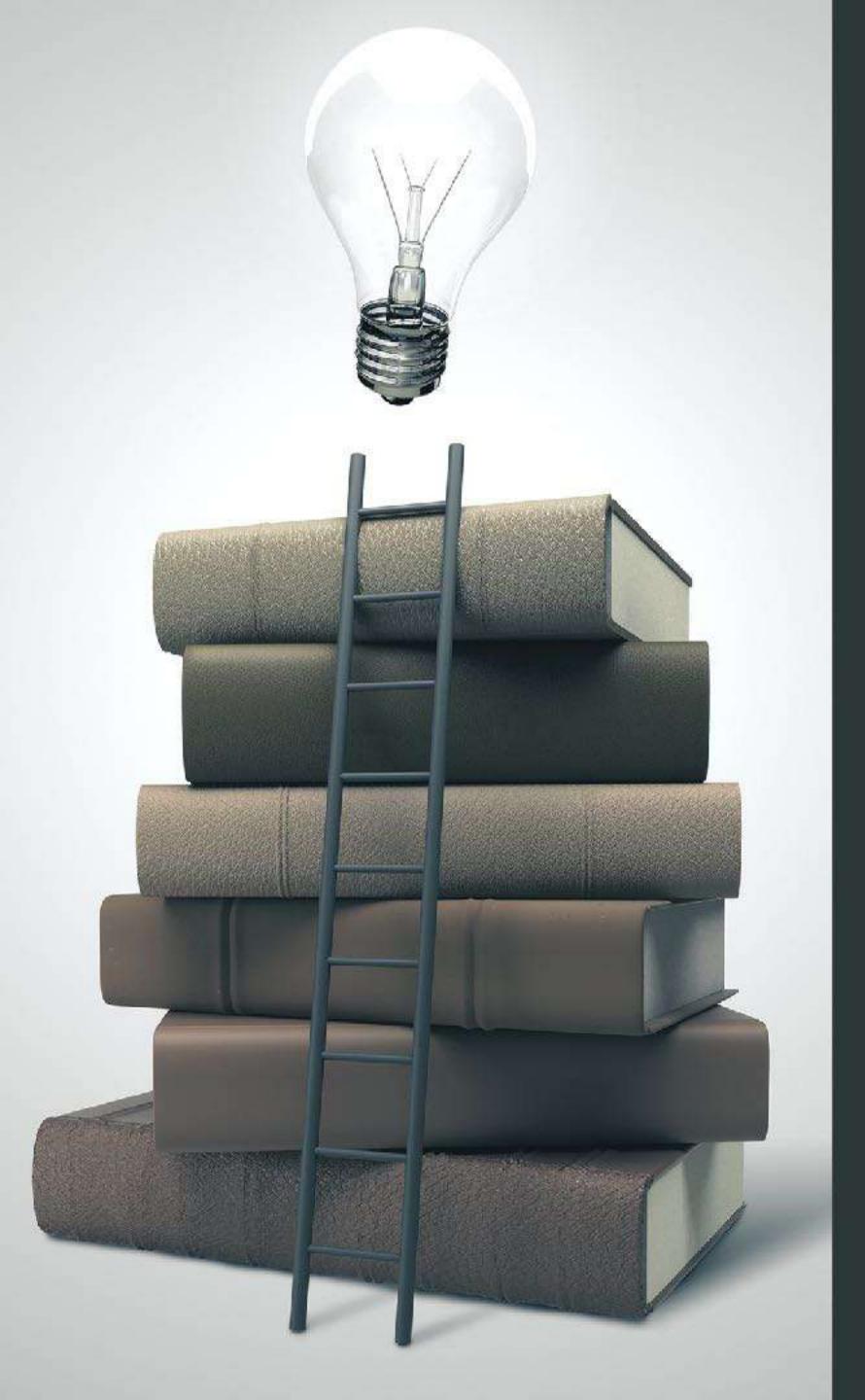
JOHN USES CONTRASTS ONCE AGAIN TO MAKE A POINT

- ... those who posses life love each other.
- ... those who possess death hate each other.



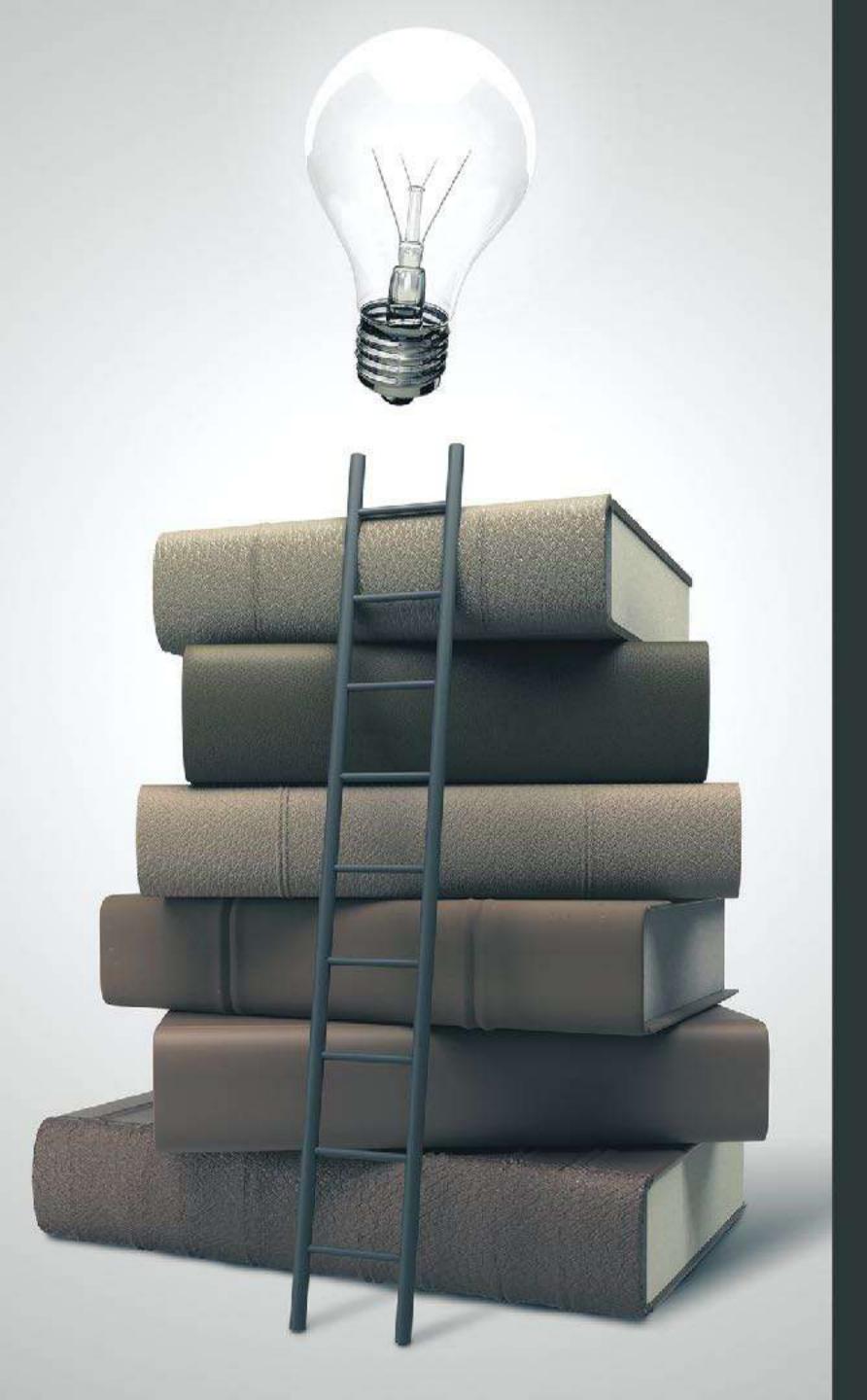
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- 3. Hatred is a serious offense (v. 15)



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 - "Laid down his life ..."
 - "... We ought to lay."

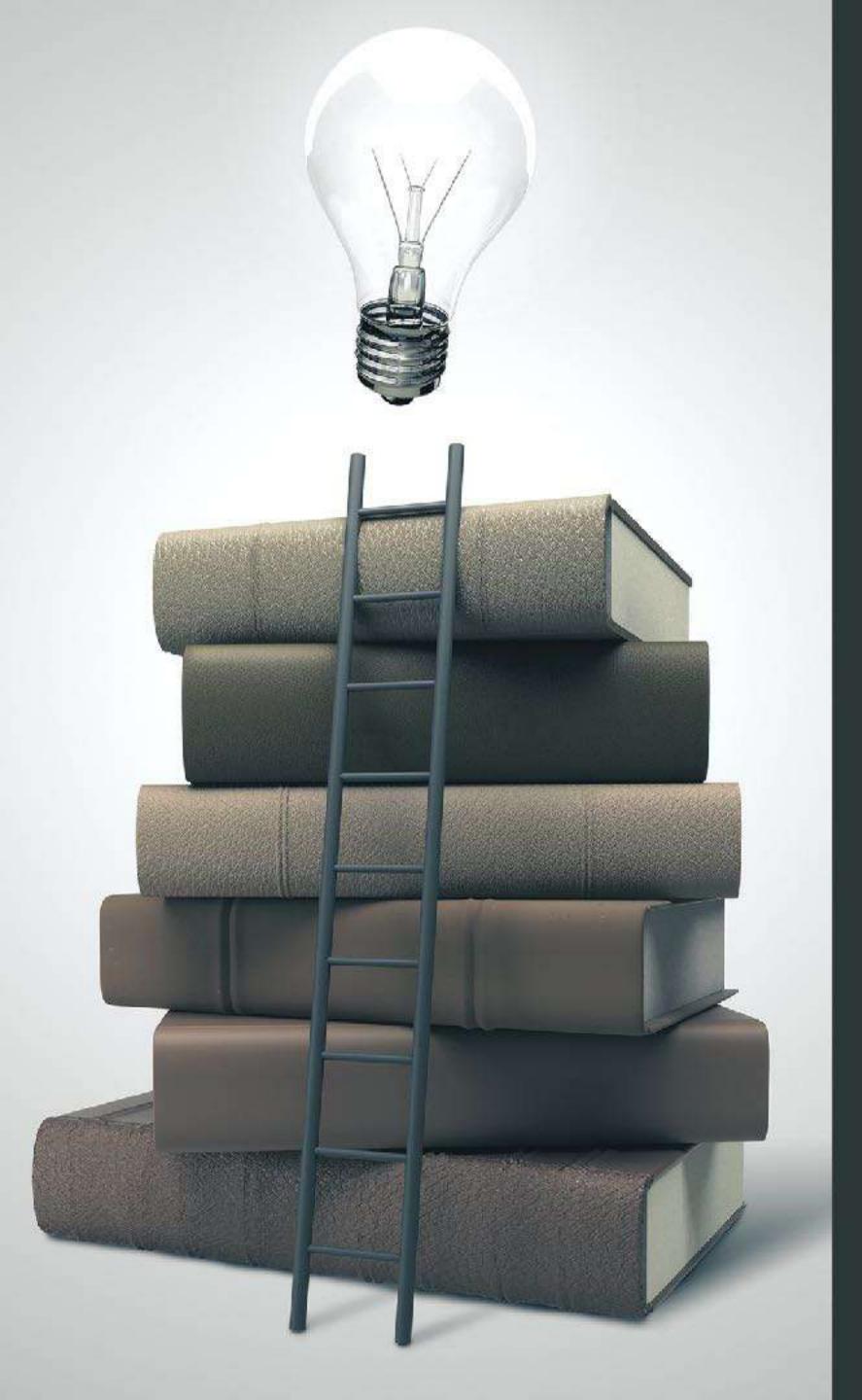


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John's Formula for Practical Love

Possess the means to meet a need + see a need = meet the need



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- 3. Sacrifice is practiced in the realm of consistent action (v. 18)

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