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## The 12 That Changed the World #3 JOHN - The Divine Balancing Act

John 13:21-25; John 18:15-17; John 19:25-27

### 2 Keys To Live the FULLY BALANCED SPIRITUAL LIFE:

#### 1. NEVER Back Down from the Absolute TRUTH of God.

1 John 5:13; Rev. 1:3

#### 4 Steps for Truth to Take Over Our Heart:

##### 1. Study the Truth.

John 8:32; 2 Tim. 2:15

##### 2. Meditate on the Truth.

Psalms 1:1-3

##### 3. Walk in the Truth.

3 John 1:2-4

##### 4. Teach Others the Truth.

#### 2. ALWAYS Express the Truth with Absolute LOVE for People.

Mark 9:38-40; Luke 9:51-56

#### 2 Love Principles:

##### 1. Truth without love is nothing more than brutality and divisiveness and it will NEVER represent the Heart of Jesus.

Eph. 4:14-15; 2 John 1:5-6; John 13:34-35; Matt. 22:37-40

##### 2. Our Ability to Love is Shaped by our Experience of RECEIVING Love.

1 John 4:19

**John 13:21-25** ...Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me." 22 His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. 23 One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. 24 Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means." 25 Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?"  
**John 18:15-17** Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, 16 but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in. 17 "You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?" she asked Peter. He replied, "I am not."

**John 19:25-27** Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," 27 and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

**1 John 5:13** I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**Rev. 1:3** Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

**John 8:32** Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

**2 Tim. 2:15** Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

**Psalms 1:1-3** Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, 2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. 3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

**3 John 1:2-4** Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. 3 It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it. 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

**Mark 9:38-40** "Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." 39 "Do not stop him," Jesus said. For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, 40 for whoever is not against us is for us.

**Luke 9:51-56** As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; 53 but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. 54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" 55 But Jesus turned and rebuked them. 56 Then he and his disciples went to another village.

**Eph. 4:14-15** Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

**2 John 5-6** And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. 6 And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

**John 13:34-35** "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

**Matt. 22:37-40** Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

**1 John 4:19** We love because he first loved us.