

# Success is Not a Secret 6

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Real Success – not short lived, superficial success.

## 7 Principles That Bring Success

1. Put People First
2. Stay Fit
3. Take Next Steps
4. Make it better
5. Own it
6. Walk in God's Love:

*Always treat people better than they deserve. We make this practical and real in our everyday life decisions with those with whom we work, live with and serve.*

Experiencing God's love for us and freely giving it away to others is experiencing God in everyday life.

When you experience the love of God, you are walking in the power of God – for God is love!

Power of God = Success

## Two Aspects of the Love of God

1. God's love for us – treats us better than we deserve
2. God's love through us – decisions we make

## God's Love For Us: He Treats Us Better Than We Deserve

**I John 3:16** - We have come to know how much God loves us from this, because Jesus laid down his life for us!

So few people have any idea of how greatly God loves them

**I John 3:1** - Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called the sons of God.

His Love is “bestowed,” not “earned.”

**John 17:23** - I in them and you in me, all being perfected into one. Then the world will know that you sent me and will understand that **you love them as much as you love me.**

**I JOHN 4:16,19** - And we have **KNOWN, BELIEVED** and come to **TRUST THE LOVE that God has toward us.** GOD IS LOVE and he that dwells in love, dwells in God and God in him.

We love him, because He first loved us!

### **God’s Love Through Us: Decisions We Make**

**Ephesians 5:1-2** – <sup>1</sup> Be therefore followers or imitators of God, as dear children. <sup>2</sup> And **walk in love**, as Christ also has loved us and has given himself for us as an offering and a sacrifice to God.

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

By THIS, not our judgement.

You can be a “Christian of born of God” and still not “know God” or have experienced intimacy with Him.

You can be a “Christian or born of God and not “reveal God” in your everyday life.

**I John 4:7-10** – <sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is **born of God** and **knows God.** <sup>8</sup> But anyone who does not love **does not know God** — for **God is love.** <sup>9</sup> God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. <sup>10</sup> **This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that he loved us** and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

The greatest way to convey God to people is to reveal who He is by treating them the way He treats them.

How does love bring success into our lives?

**Ephesians 3:17-20** – <sup>17</sup> That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you would be rooted, grounded and forever planted in the love of God. <sup>18</sup> That you may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the width, length, depth and height or the full dimensions. <sup>19</sup> And to know and experience the love of Christ for yourselves. A love that surpasses human understanding and knowledge. <sup>20</sup> Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly or can do infinitely beyond all we could ever ask, think, conceive or ever dream, ACCORDING to the power (love) that works in us.