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MARKS OF CHRISTIAN LIVING IN (1 John 3:13 – 24)

1. WE ARE "OUT OF STEP" WITH MANY IN SOCIETY ("THE WORLD")
(v13) "Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you"

(1 Peter 4:4) "they think it strange that you do not run with them ... speaking evil of you"
Can kill Abel, not because Abel wronged him, but because (v12) "his works were evil
and his brother's righteous"

2. WE LOVE THE BRETHREN
(v14 – 15) "we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death"

(John 13:34-35) "love one another ... by this shall all men know that you are My disciples ... "

3. WE ACT CHRIST-LIKE
(v16) "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"

If literal, then I may do this only once to benefit one or a few: (Romans 5:6-9).
Perhaps the phrase is given to put us in awe of God's love, to "know love"
Perhaps it's to remind us of (Romans 12:1) "to present your bodies a living sacrifice"

4. WE SHARE IN TANGIBLE WAYS
(v17 – 18) "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? My little children, let us not love in
word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth"

This is a specific practical action and one we may be called upon to meet often, repeatedly.
(Acts 20:33 – 35) (v35) "It is more blessed to give than to receive"

5. WE HAVE ASSURANCE OF HEART
(v19 – 20) "... For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart,
and knows all things"

"if our heart condemns us," and it will because we think that we do not do enough.
"God is greater than our heart" - this is God's grace, forgiveness, when we fall short.
God knows the thought and intent of our heart and our striving to be benevolent.
(Galatians 6:10) "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all,
especially those who are of the household of faith"

6. WE SUBMIT IN PRAYER
(21 – 22) "... we have confidence ... we ask, we receive ... we keep His commandments
and do those things that are pleasing in His sight"

7. WE TRUST AND OBEY: (v23) "... believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ ... "

8. WE CONTINUE TO TRUST AND OBEY: (v24) "Now he who keeps His
commandments abides in Him, and He in him ... by the Spirit ... "