FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

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Guided by Love

How do we become a disciple of Jesus Christ? The Savior Himself gave the answer: "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

When asked to name the greatest commandment, the Savior did not hesitate. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind," He said. "This is the first and great commandment" (Matthew 22:37, 38). Along with the second great commandment—to love our neighbor as ourselves—we have **a compass that provides direction for our lives.**

Because love is the great commandment, it ought to be **at the *center* of everything we do.** Love unites families. Love is the power that initiates friendship, tolerance, and respect. It overcomes hate. Love is the fire that warms our lives with joy. Love should be our walk and our talk.

Love is the measure of our faith and the inspiration for our obedience. Love is the way of the disciple.

Let us be known as a people who love God with all our heart, soul, and mind and who love our neighbor as ourselves. When we understand and practice these two great commandments, we will begin to understand what it means to be a true disciple of Jesus the Christ. ◆

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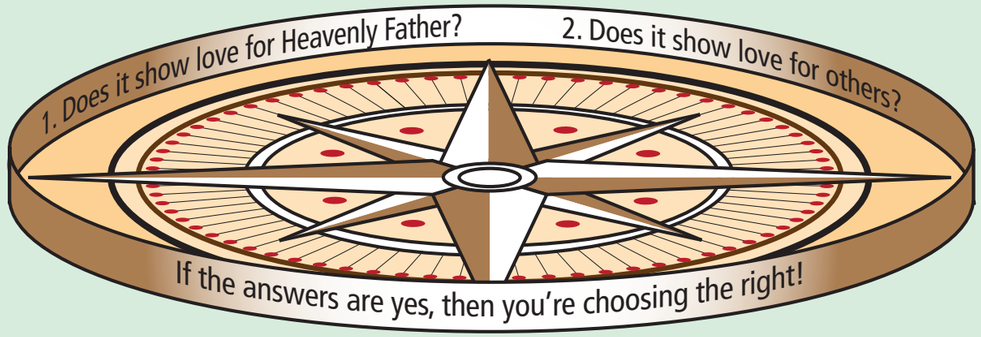
A COMPASS FOR YOUR LIFE

Long ago, explorers used compasses to find their way to faraway places. President Uchtdorf said that the two great commandments can be like a compass that guides us back to Heavenly Father. If you're not sure about a choice, ask yourself two questions:



THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

The Lord commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Help this boy across the playground so he can include someone who is being left out.

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