

The 'True North' Question

"My compass is unique. This compass does not point north. It points towards the thing you want most in this world."

Jack Sparrow, Pirates of the Caribbean; Dead Man's Chest

Stages of spiritual development

- **Children = baby Christians**
1 John 2:12, 14
- **Fathers = mature Christians**
1 John 2:13, 14
- **Young men = growing Christians**
1 John 2:13, 14

Distinguishing mark #1 – The *Lifestyle* Question: Am I **walking in the light**?

Distinguishing mark #2 – The *Obedience* Question: Am I **obeying** God's commands?

Distinguishing mark #3 – The *True North* Question: Which way is **my heart facing**?

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN CLIP

I can be devoted to the **Father** or the **world**, but not **both**

The battle for our hearts

1 John 2:15-17

- **The lust of the flesh = the longing for success**
Matthew 4:1-4

Antidote = wallowing in the **love** of God's **grace**

- **The lust of the eyes = the longing for popularity**
Matthew 4:5-7

Antidote = **vulnerable honesty** about myself

- **The pride of life = the longing for power**
Matthew 4:8-10

Antidote = **humbly serving** those in my life