

THIRTEEN

Give: Love Opens Up THIRTEEN, PART 3

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OUR RELIGIOUS TENDENCY TO "OTHER-SHAPE" LOVE

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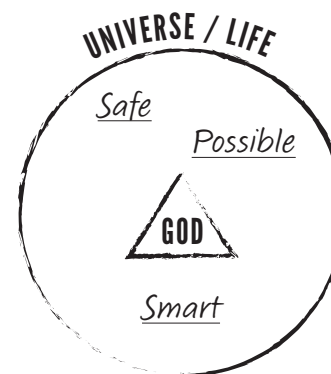
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- Releases the person from the position of "REWARDER" ... God, does that!



2. More love???... More God! (See Galatians 2:20)



3. Goal: Be "about Love" (see Ephesians 5:1-2; 1 Peter 4:8)

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- Messaging
- Measuring
- Practices — e.g. secrecy, sticking, serving and, duh, giving.

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