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WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT (PART I)

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The month of February stirs up romance and love in people's mind as many prepare to celebrate love relationships. If one does not make reservations in a timely manner it is near impossible to take your lover to dinner on Valentine's Day. Hotels book up and some make travel arrangements to visit a special place to celebrate their love. It is hoped though that one's love to another is not only remembered on one day of the year. There is a love relationship everyone should nurture whether involved in a romantic relationship with another or not. Our love relationship with the Lord is of vital importance.

Jesus tells the Pharisees in Matthew 22:37 (AMP) that the great commandment in the law is, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (intellect)." We should spend more time on developing this love relationship as it is the foundation of love. To say we are filled with His Spirit, meaning the Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, should incite us to pursue the Lord on a daily basis. Just as we call, text or email loved ones sometimes daily, we should daily praise, pray and worship the Lord as an expression of our love toward Him. When we love the Lord with our whole heart, soul and mind that encompasses our entire existence. The outcome would be that we would reflect His glory in our life to those around us and are bound to influence some people to want the Lord in their life as well. What we will reflect is His love to others through our life of Love toward Him.

It changes our perspective about ourselves and others. We view people through the lens of the Love of God. Our own views and feelings are less in control and we evaluate our conduct in light of our love for God and what He's expecting to do through us via of His Spirit. Our Valentine's gift to the Lord should be a desire to Love Him wholeheartedly every day of our life. Let's plan to make that our focus in 2018!

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