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God Wants Relationship

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From creation God has desired to walk in relationship with human beings, as our Lord and creator. He has spoken all things into existence and desires to speak into our lives healing and wholeness of heart, spirit and mind. When we positively respond to his love, he provides the power to live the abundant life of biblical text and to be effective ministers of the gospel. This is activated as we respond to God with a yielded heart and spirit. His expression of intimacy toward us is present everywhere, in the very creation of the earth and in our likeness to him. His passion of love for us is apparent in how we were created. That longing for relationship with him abides deep within every soul but is only ignited when encountering him and responding with an open heart of acceptance. We are only truly satisfied when we surrender our hearts to him for total healing. This encounter leads to whole-life success if we continue to respond to his love in obeying his voice and being led by the Holy Spirit into a life of joy and peace.



He has given us senses to see his creation, feel and experience love and to hear and be heard. God created a world of evidence that we might understand that we are to be dependent on him as our ultimate provider. It is crucial that we as the people of God make our way back to hearing and being with God on a daily basis. Herein is where we discover the resources to live, thrive and become. The power that is available in relationship with Christ is accessed through an intentional response of spiritual hunger for God that leads to a deepened intimacy. When a believer desires to know God, the Lord creates opportunities to discover him. This may happen through

preaching, teaching, and an evangelistic encounter or a simple whisper from God into the heart of the seeker. Rather new seeker or a person who attends church but really doesn't know God, the Holy Spirit provokes relationship. Responding to the love of God demands of us an intentional love that drives the seeker to him, to know and believe in the Word of God and to be open to being led by the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. Newly saved or old hat, God will call us all to a sincerity that leads to intimate relationship with him.

Intentional love is passionate, driven, and has a goal in mind. The goal to know God and to live out of love for him is all at the heart of a sincere seeker. In response to his love, God will get busy in the life of the sincere by fixing and healing the areas that are broken or that hinder us in our intimacy with him. We must be in agreement with God to provoke change in our love language so that we can truly benefit from the will of God actualized in our relationships, family, business, and community. As we experience and yield to his love, he strengthens us to be more successful in all that we do. God's love and activity in our lives is revealed as we learn to discern his voice. We are called to accentuate his provision and love in telling others that God desires relationship with them. It is impossible to have intimate relationship with him and not love others whom he loves. This provokes us to tell others about the love of God.

God's enriching love deserves our intentional response of love, service, and study of how to better please the Lord in our lifestyle and in how we demonstrate our love to others.