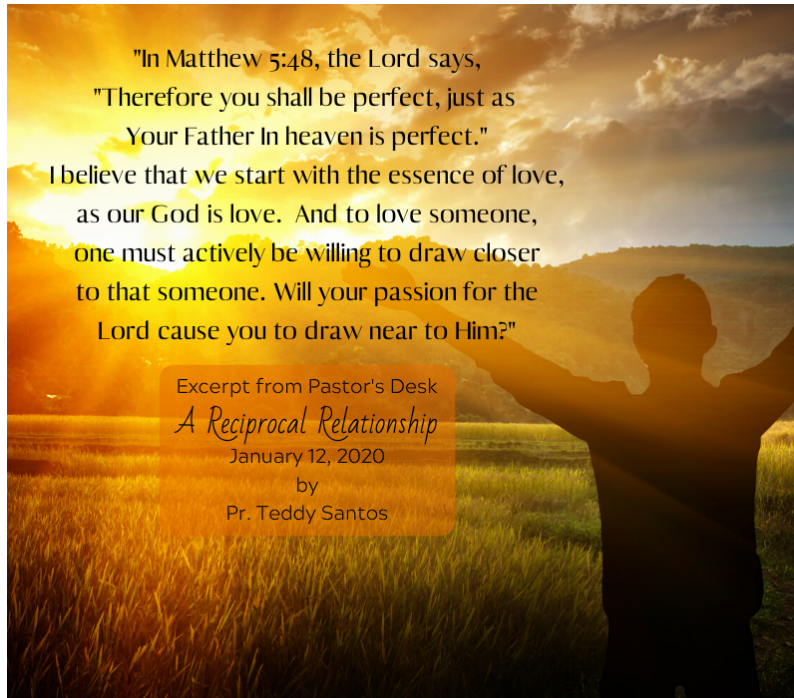


# A Reciprocal Relationship

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## 2 Chronicles 15:1-4

*...and said to him: The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.  
...(4) but when in their trouble they turned to the LORD God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them.*

This is of importance for understanding; that mutual exchange exists in our relationship with our God! He begins by drawing near to us, and He expects a similar response in return.

We do not come near to Him in one giant leap. As it is in almost all human relationships, love gradually develops. Some feel that they fall in love with one glance across a crowded room, but what happens is that the two are mistaken for lust or passion for love. A love relationship exists when two people genuinely know one another; they see all warts and character imperfections and are still willing to submit and serve each other warmly and generously.

God is perfect in His character, and the projection of His personality is also excellent in every way. We are at fault in this relationship; we are the ones with all warts and blemishes. These faults are in our thinking, our attitudes, and our character. The reason we draw near to God is to have our wrong thinking and perspectives removed, changed. That is what the relationship is all about - so that we can be like our Heavenly Father. He is perfect and mature, and He wants to bring us to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

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In His service,  
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