



The Spotlight - February 2019



We hope you've experienced a good start to the New Year and are full of hope and looking forward to what the rest of the year will bring. If not but you'd like to be, please get in touch with us, for we have a source of abundant hope and would be more than happy to tell you exactly how you can receive the same.

No, we're not selling anything - we wouldn't dream of charging anyone for what we ourselves have freely received. If you already have the same gift, that's great, but know and remember us in tough times because we're always more than willing to pray for family, friends and even strangers, for we have experienced the power of God's love and want to share that, too!



Talking of love brings us nicely to Valentine's Day. Perhaps it's such a commercial success because talented marketing folk know how to appeal to young and old lovers alike, but maybe people are really drawn in because they know that being truly loved is the best thing ever. The bible says that love is greater than the hope we have just been speaking of and greater than faith, too. In fact, when you read the bible's description of love, it's no wonder we all want to be loved!

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Yes, being loved is certainly a gift when we receive all that is in that goodie bag, but how good are we as lovers? Receiving is one thing, but how good are we at giving love? How well do you love your partner in life, your family, friends and even strangers when measured against this list? If you're anything like us, you'll find there's room for improvement, and so we invite you to join us in committing to become a better lover! Ah, you might say, but there there are people out there who have wronged me so badly I can't possibly love them. Yes, we know that feeling too, but the good news is that you can. The way we've been taught to love in such circumstances is through prayer. Praying for someone is an act of love, so pray for such people, never speak ill of them to others, not even to defend yourself, and of course, trust God, for He is just, He knows the truth and He will handle everything on your behalf if you truly surrender all to Him.

Some people who are certainly not hard for us to love are those who serve alongside us in TLC World. We love their love and passion for serving the Lord and His purposes. It sees them volunteering their time, gifts and talents to bless others. If you want to serve the Lord, but are not sure how best to do this, talk to us - we have room on team for all who would like to join!

As always, we now leave you with links to the messages that were delivered in the Family Room last month.

- [1. Julie shares on how to be led by the Spirit](#)
- [2. Jim talks on the topic of aging from a Christian perspective](#)
- [3. Jim considers what it is that defines an authentic Christian](#)
- [4. Jim discusses the key characteristic of spiritual discernment](#)

In love,
God bless you,
Jim & Elaine

*Let all that you do be done in love.
1 Corinthians 16:14*