Reflection on the Greatest Commandments

If the first Greatest Commandment is

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37),

and the second Greatest Commandment is "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (22:39),

then answer these questions:

1. How would your relationship with God need to change if you really loved God in this way?

2. Would it change your prayer life? If so, how?

3. If we tried to really love this way, how would things change at school?

- 4. How would it change the interactions with others at home?
- 5. How would it affect our larger community, even our world?
- 6. Is it possible? Why or why not?
- 7. Who are some people today in our school or in our local, national, or world community who *do* live this way? Explain. Do they affect others? If so, how? Is it significant?
- 8. Explain how the Greatest Commandments encompass Jesus' teachings.

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