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CREATOR AND WAITER

“And gave them to His disciples,” ~*Mark 6:41*. You will notice that Jesus did not feed the multitude. He created the food and asked the disciples to distribute it. Jesus was the Creator --- not the waiter --- at this banquet. Jesus created salvation on the cross. That is the food that will feed the spiritual hunger of this world! But the task of distributing it is in the hands of His followers. - Billy Sunday. Jesus still says to His disciples, **“Give ye them to eat.”** What about you? Are you faithfully giving out the Gospel of Jesus Christ to needy souls?

SEEING ONLY SELF!

A traveler tells of visiting the Chamber of Mirrors in the palace at Versailles, France where the treaty of peace was signed after World War I. As he looked about him after entering the room, he recalls, “All I could see was myself.” Some people go through life as if living continually in the Chamber of Mirrors. They only see themselves, having little or no interest in others. They have no eyes save for themselves. How different from Him who **“came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.”** -Copied. Having visited that palace some years ago, I can testify that it is indeed a gaudy, worldly place of self aggrandizement. Sadly, there is too much self in more than a few Christians.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

“Pray without ceasing.” ~*1 Thessalonians 5:17*. There is a great difference between prayer and the life of prayer. Almost everyone prays, but very few pray without ceasing. This is the habit of devotion. This is the altar of incense ever burning in the Holy Place. This is the fragrance of a heart that lives in the presence of the Holy One, and breathes the very life of God. This is the deep undertone of a sanctified life. It is from this that the sweetness, the gladness, the holiness, and the helpfulness come. Lord, teach us the habit of prayer, the prayer that springs spontaneously from the heart, and which neither secular duty, satanic temptation, nor the waves of sorrow, can interrupt, but which is only stimulated by the things that try us, until every experience becomes transformed into an occasion for communion and fellowship with God. -A. B. Simpson

WHERE MOST OF THE TROUBLE LIES

Someone related the following: While walking down the street one day I passed a storefront where the proprietor was washing the large plate glass window in the front of the store. There was one soiled spot that defied all his efforts to remove it. After rubbing hard for sometime, using much soap and water, as well as “elbow grease,” he found the trouble. “It’s on the inside,” he cried to someone in the store. That’s often the problem spiritually with God’s children. They have a problem, maybe some sin and they try to wash it off from the outside - they blame their circumstances, someone else, etc. But they will not be able to get cleaned up for it is on the inside. It’s their old self life! **“I know that in me, (that in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing.”** ~*Romans 7:18*.