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WALKING BY SIGHT NOT BY FAITH

We who know the Lord as our Savior don't seem to have much difficulty in trusting God with our eternal souls. But living here below, we often find it hard to **'Walk by faith and not by sight.'** We want to go where we can see, attempt what we are capable of, and work only according to our resources. All of this is contrary to faith and the Word of God, but it shows how weak and earthbound most of us are. C. H. Spurgeon hit the nail on the head: *"The common policy of our churches is that of great prudence. We do not, as a rule, attempt anything beyond our own strength. Thus we limit God and deprive ourselves of His eternal power and resources."* -Copied. I think this is all too true. The Bible says. **"Power belongeth unto God."** It is His power or ours. If it is ours - **"The flesh profiteth nothing."**

TRUE CONSECRATION

A Swede was about to start out as a missionary to India when some of his friends tried to dissuade him from going to such a hard place. They said, "It is so hot there you can't survive. Why, sometimes it is 120 degrees in the shade." "Vell," said the man of faith, in utter contempt, "Ve don't have to stay in the shade, do ve?" There have always been some who would like to serve God - as long as it doesn't cost too much! There are plenty of people who don't mind work, as long as it isn't hard work. There may be some "easy" places to serve God, but I don't believe I have seen any. **"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."** ~II Timothy 2:3.

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.

HOW TO GIVE TO GOD

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." ~Luke 6:38.