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## OCCUPATION WITH CHRIST

From +H and occupation with Christ, you learn to avoid the three great hazards in the Christian life caused by unrealistic expectations.

**Eyes or focus on self.** This is arrogance. This comes from unrealistic expectations, preoccupation with self, and from the overestimation of self. When you are not being treated the way you want to be treated, your eyes are on yourself. You are frustrated, bitter, vindictive, and you become implacable.

Principle: You cannot change people! When you try, you only intensify the problem and you don't solve anything. You make an issue out of yourself instead of doctrine.

**Eyes or focus on people.** This is frustration. You will never be treated the way you think you should be treated. This is the old sin nature solution to things. You go out and find people who will treat you right, and find people with whom you think you are compatible. But that only intensifies your problem. You will always be disappointed by people until you attain personal love for God, impersonal love for all mankind, occupation with Christ, +H, and a personal sense of destiny.

**Eyes or focus on things.** This is jealousy, envy. When you finally decide that you won't be treated the way you want to be treated, you try to get what you want to get! So you go off and sublimate in some way: ladies enjoy the temporary solution of a shopping spree, and men enjoy a day of golf or fishing.

Occupation with Christ provides a new focus in life away from eyes on self, on people, and on things. How you are treated and loved by people is no longer an issue once you have reached spiritual self-esteem and have developed confidence in doctrine. It is your fellowship with God that counts.

Occupation with Christ changes your mental attitude about yourself, so that you can change your mental attitude about other people. It eliminates any unrealistic expectations and your attitude about the way you think you should be loved. There is no way you can make an issue out of yourself and advance in your spiritual life!

Impersonal love for all mankind gives you the ability to conquer hurt, frustration, anger, hatred, or antagonism toward others who are not treating you and loving you the way you think you should be treated and loved.

The only way you can ever get along with a slob is to change yourself and the only way you can change yourself is through the daily perception of Bible doctrine.

**Ps. 118:9 - "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man."**

**Je.r 17:5, - "Thus says the Lord, `Cursed is the man who puts his trust in mankind, who depends on people for his strength, and whose right lobe turns away from the Lord.'"**