Doing Things for Christ

In 1957, a while after my Dad was saved, he gave my grandmother a little book of daily devotions titled *In Green Pastures*, written by J.R. Miller in 1890. When my grandmother died twenty years ago, Dad gave her book to me.

I read one of these devotions in our Sunday morning service recently…

"We often imagine that it was a great deal easier for our Lord's first disciples to do things for Him than it is for us.

"They could see Him and hear His voice and do real errands for Him, and, coming back hear His approval or His thanks; but we cannot hear Him telling us what to do, nor can we see His pleased look when we have done anything for Him.

"So we find ourselves wishing He were here again, that we might get our duties right from His very lips, and we sometimes ask how we can do things for Him when He is not here.

"But we have to remember His promise: ***'I am with you alway.'***

"The Lord *is* here, though unseen, just as really as He was with His first disciples. And we can do things for Him all the time…

"Every loving obedience is something done for Christ.

"Every kindness shown to another in His Name and for His sake is shown to Him.

"Every piece of common, routine task-work, if done through love for Him, becomes something done for Christ.

"So we can make our life as radiant as the angels' ministry by doing all for Christ" [*In Green Pastures, Devotion for 21st July*].

"be obedient in all things" … "obeying the truth through the Spirit … love one another with a pure heart fervently" (2 Corinthians 2:9b; 1 Peter 1:22).

"I was hungry and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me … Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:35-40).

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord … for ye serve the Lord Jesus Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24).

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21).

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May God bless you in your endeavours for Him this month,
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