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"Lord, what shall this man do? ... What is that to you? Follow thou Me." - John 21:21,2

One of our severest lessons comes from the stubborn refusal to see that we must not interfere in other people's lives. It takes a long time to realize the danger of being an amateur providence, that is, interfering with God's order for others. You see a certain person suffering, and you say, "I see his need. He should not have to suffer. I have what he needs and I will see that he gets it from me." You put your sympathy directly in contradiction to God's permissive will, and step in to prevent it. God says, "What business is that of yours?" If there is spiritual stagnation, never allow it to persist. Rather, get into God's presence and find out the reason for it. Possibly you will find it is because you have been interfering in the life of another; proposing things you had no right to propose; advising when you had no right to advise. When you do have to give advice to another, God will advise through you with the direct understanding of His Spirit. Your part is to be so rightly related to God that His discernment comes through you all the time for the blessing of another soul.

Most of us live on the borders of consciousness - consciously serving, consciously devoted to God. All this is immature. It is not the real 'Christ-life' yet. The mature stage is the life of a child which is never consciously doing things for God. We become so abandoned to God that the consciousness of being used never enters our mind. As long as we are conscious of being broken or poured-out for others, there is another stage to be reached. Spiritual maturity is when all consciousness of ourselves and of what God is doing through us is eliminated. A saint is never consciously a saint; a saint is consciously tuned to the Spirit of God and wholly dependent on God.

My Utmost for His Highest - Oswald Chambers