

Volume 1, Day 9 — NO ILLUSIONS

“Jesus did not fully disclose Himself to them for He knew what was in man.” John 2:24-25

When we are disillusioned with others there are no more false assumptions about them. To be deceived by the illusions we have of others may leave us cynical and unkindly severe in our judgments. But the disillusionment which comes with God’s revelation brings us to the place where we see men and women as they really are without cynicism. We have no stinging, bitter things to say. Many of the cruel things we do or say spring from the fact that we do have illusions (fantasies) about ourselves or others. We are not truthful with each other about the facts. We are true only to our *ideas* of one another. Everything is either delightful and fine, or mean and dastardly based on our *ideas*.

The refusal to reveal and accept the sordid facts about each other is the cause of much suffering in life. It works like this: If we love a person and do not love God, we demand of that person every perfection and rectitude. When our expectations are not met, we become cruel and vindictive; we are demanding of a human being that which he cannot give. There is only one Being Who can satisfy the last aching abyss of the human heart, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. The reason our Lord appears to be severe regarding every human relationship is because He knows that every relationship *not based on loyalty to Himself* will end in disaster. Jesus trusted no man, yet He was never suspicious, never bitter. Our Lord's confidence in God and in what His grace could do for any man, was so perfect that He despaired of no one. If our trust is placed in human beings, we will ultimately despair of everyone.

“God is never disillusioned with me. He never had any illusions about me in the first place. ... “ — Graham Cooke

My Utmost for His Highest - Oswald Chambers