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Chapter 16, page 405- "Seeing God's Hand in All Things"-

CHRIST:

My Child, what I said to My disciples, I also say to you: "As the Father has loved Me, I also love you." All men receive life and strength from Me, be they great or little, rich or poor, talented or dull. I am the fountain of all good.

2. I know what is needed by each individual. For good reasons of My own, I decide who shall have more and who shall have less. He who has little ability need not become sad because of it, nor should he envy the man who has many talents. Fix your eyes on Me. Leave your life in My hands, and you will find it easy to avoid all envy and complaints.

3. It is My love for you which makes Me treat you as I do. Your present trials and sufferings are as much My gift as the satisfaction and consolations which I send you. Some day you will understand why I dispense My gifts unequally among people. You will then praise and thank the wisdom which now puzzles you.

4. Too often you see only the natural and human causes which disturb you. Look beyond these and see My loving hand guiding you on toward your perfection and eternal glory. In your difficulties and real needs, I am ever near to assist you and

protect you from harm. Not all that you fear is bad for you, nor is all that you desire, good for you. Seek Me above all else. I shall lead you to your unending happiness in Heaven.

THINK:

One of the consequences of genuine union with God, is that it makes one think clearly and correctly. When I have attained this union, I will find reason to praise Him even when life seems dark and unbearable. Knowing that God's love rules every moment of my life, I shall seek His honor in all things. Whether I am a success or a failure in my plans and efforts, whether I experience joy or sorrow, my only wish will be to please and honor Him in every thoughts, word, and deed.

PRAY:

My Lord and loving God, You manage my life with an all-wise providence. You take care of me at every moment. If I were the only person on earth, You could not give me more attention, nor more love than You give me at present. I need not look at others, despising those who have less than I, or envying those who have more. I need only keep my eyes on You and let You govern my life. When I see You face to face, as I hope to do some day in Heaven, I will see how wise and loving You are in Your care for me. Then will I understand how all-deserving You are of my perfect confidence and loyalty. Then I shall wish that I had spent all of my time on earth praising and thanking You in all my accomplishments. I shall realize at last how completely I depend on You for all things, and how helpless I am without Your blessing. Let me not wait until then, when the truth will be easy to admit. Grant me the grace to do so now in my every action. Amen.