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Food is a necessity. In the beginning God told Adam and Eve, "See, I have given you every herb ... fruit ... it shall be for food." (Gen .1:29) We should have it every day - "Give us this day our daily bread." For our Lord Jesus, another type of food was more important and is what kept Him energized. "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work." (John 4:34). What is this will and this work? Jesus tells us of this in John 6:38 - 40: "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Pause and praise God our Father for His blessed will! Not one person He gives to Jesus will ever be lost! Every person who sees the Son and believes in Him has everlasting life and will be resurrected! This is the will of God and was Jesus' energizing food until He finished the work of the Father who had sent Him.

"As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." (John 20:21). Jesus also sends us into the world, into the area of healthcare, to do the will of the Father in our daily life and work. This includes pointing people to Jesus that they might see Him and believe in Him and so never be lost but have everlasting life. This should be our energizing food.

"... everyone who sees the Son.... "The Greek word used here for "see" means to look at something with interest, a purpose, and carefully observing the details. It can be used of an experience or partaking in something, for example, "if anyone keeps My Word he shall never see death," that is, he will not partake of death or experience it. So, to see and believe in Jesus is not a casual glance and a mental belief, but a close intense look and an experience of Him which radically transforms the person. The true believer in Jesus now does the will of the Father. That is what distinguishes the true believer from the nominal one according to the Lord Himself: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, (Matt.7:21) but he who does the will of the Father. Doing the will of our Father brings us into such a close relationship with Jesus that He calls us His family! "...whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother." (Matt.12:50) What a blessed, and yet solemn word from the Lord!

Finally, we can gain an insight into the heart of God by finding out what is not His will!

"The Lord... is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." (2 Pet. 3:9)

"Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. (Matt.18:14)

Our hearts should be in tune with His!

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