

# An Experience of Seeing Someone Through Father's Eyes

I went with my extended family to a restaurant last night for our usual eat-out dinner. While there, we couldn't help notice that the woman who manned the orders desk was very irritating. She had a 'sour' face and was very abrupt when she spoke to the patrons. Before all our family arrived she even came over and sort-of demanded that we order straight away. It was very off-putting.

Her 'crabbiness' caused numerous comments from our family during the evening, such as, "She's transactional, not relational". I said nothing, but continued to observe her during the meal. After an hour, my investigations of her led to the thought, "She's officious". Officious means 'marked by excessive eagerness in offering unwanted services or advice to others', 'offensively intrusive or interfering' and 'forward in tendering services; zealous in interposing uninvited in the affairs of others; meddling; obtrusive.'<sup>1</sup>

As I looked closer, I could see that her officiousness was because she was very busy, focusing on taking phone orders and desk orders so that everything ran smoothly. She did her job effectively and quickly and she was definitely in control of her duties. She didn't miss anything, despite her abruptness, everyone receiving what they wanted.

As I thought about all that I'd seen with her, I could see she was the primary organiser that kept the business productive. The kitchen was the life-blood, but what she did kept it all running smoothly, including the bloke who did the home deliveries. My heart towards her changed as I realised all this and I saw her as very impressive at her job, however, possibly suffering from male-female issues. She had a wedding ring on, so I thought she could have had a 'bad' time with her husband. Apart from that, the 'crabbiness' I see in the bulk of women these days is caused by society's focus on women's rights and the inequalities that are present. This creates jealousy, envy and resentment in women which transfers in the way they deal with people, especially men.

This morning, as I mediated on what I uncovered last night, I realised that I had seen her differently than my family because I'd seen her through Father's eyes. I didn't see her exactly as he sees her, but I actually saw her in a positive light, without determining to look for anything positive.

I'm thrilled about that. I've been asking Father to give me his heart for people, because mine's not soft enough or able to respond like him. That restaurant observation was an experience of him drawing me in to operate more with his heart.

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