MORNING MEDITATION

Saturday, Thirty First Week in Ordinary Time

Serenity comes when you trade expectations for acceptance.

(Gautama Buddha)

Philippians 4:10-19

In this excerpt, we read about Paul expressing his gratitude for the support that the Philippian community gave him because of their concern for hum. What he appreciates is their concern and thoughtfulness. He tells them that he knew what it meant to be content and to be in want. While the rest of the world sought to be self-sufficient, Paul sought to be God-sufficient. Paul could face anything because he had Christ in every situation.

The person who walks with Christ can cope with anything. Learn to walk with Christ.

Psalm 112

Happy the man, who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commands.
His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth;
The upright generation shall be blessed.

Luke 16:9-15

Jesus taught his disciples to use material possessions to build relationships, to seal and cement friendships. He taught them to be honest and trustworthy in all relationships, even in dealing with material things.

A man's true wealth consists not in what he kept, but in what he gave away.

Jesus taught them to be faithful, even to the smallest details of commitments. A man's way of fulfilling small tasks is a sure sign of his being trustworthy. God has trusted you with many gifts. Be worthy of his trust.

Jesus taught them that serving God can not be a part time job. All our energies are to be directed to the service of God.

Saint of the day, November 7 - St. Didacus & 18 other saints are remembered this day.

Didacus of Alcalá, also known as Diego de San Nicolás, was a Spanish Franciscan lay brother who was among the first group of missionaries to the newly conquered Canary Islands. Didacus was born c. 1400 into a poor but pious family in the small village of San Nicolás del Puerto in the Kingdom of Seville. Near that town a holy priest led a hermit's life. Didacus obtained his consent to live with him and, though very young, imitated the austerities and devotions of his master. They cultivated together a little garden, and also employed themselves in making wooden spoons, trenchers and similar utensils. After having lived a hermit's life for some time, he returned to his home, but he, soon after, went to a convent of the Observant Friar Minors at Arrizafa, and there took the habit among the lay brothers.

After his profession he was sent to the mission of his Order in the Canary Islands, where he did a great work in instructing and converting the people. He served as chief guardian of the community of Friars, care of the sick Friars, etc. In 1463 he was taken ill died at Alcalá de Henares on 12 November 1463 and was canonized in 1588. San Diego, California, is named after this Franciscan

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