KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

Eighteenth Sunday Of Ordinary Time

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APPOINTED
ARBITRATOR
BOUNTIFUL
BROTHER
CONSIST
CROWD
DRINK
FRIEND
GRAIN
GREED
GUARD
HARVEST
INHERITANCE
MERRY
PARABLE
POSSESSIONS
REST
RICH
SOMEONE
TEACHER
TREASURE

Catechizing Corner!

Luke uses this interlude to offer commentary on the seductive power of possessions. Luke suggests that attachment to possessions is our way of dealing with our fear of the transitory nature of life.

"It is out of deep fear that the acquisitive instinct grows monstrous.' The rich fool thought his massive crops would be his future security. However, at the end of his life his possessions were scattered like seed in the wind.

People amass goods believing them to offer security; in fact, they are more tentative than life itself. "The less you have the freer you are" is an apt description of this text's implication. The moral is: we must let go of death-clutching fear, acknowledge that life itself is the ultimate gift from the ultimate Giver, and realize that this life is tentative at best. We look forward to a future life in which the choices made in this life will impact our future. Not only are disciples to let go of fear, but they are to literally sell all they have and give it to the poor. This is truly the mind and spirit of the Lukan message. Believers know true freedom because of their trust and reliance on God who controls their destiny. Because of that freedom they are able to offer the gift of self to others. Such freedom prompts them to share their possessions with others. Only then are they spiritually free. True generosity exists in the midst of spiritual freedom.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook, Cycle C Paulist Press, 1998

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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God

Luke 12:13-21

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment, and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Luke 12:13-21

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus,
"Teacher, tell my brother to share the
inheritance with me."
He replied to him,
"Friend, who appointed me as your judge and
arbitrator?"
Then he said to the crowd,
"Take care to guard against all **greed**,
for though one may be rich,
one's life does not consist of possessions."

Then he told them a parable.
"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest.
He asked himself, 'What shall I do,
for I do not have space to store my harvest?'
And he said, 'This is what I shall do:
I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones.
There I shall store all my grain and other goods
and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you,
you have so many good things stored up for many years,
rest, eat, drink, be merry!'"
But God said to him,
'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you;
and the things you have prepared,
to whom will they belong?'
Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Glossary

An **inheritance** is money and things that parents leave behind to their children after they die.

An **arbitrator** is someone who helps people find solutions for their arguments about money and business.

Greed is the selfish love of money.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:
Choose one

What wisdom do you pull out of this reading to help you set priorities in your life?

It is easy to get self-centered and greedy. What do you have in your life that is unnecessary? In your life, what keeps you close to God? What distracts you from your relationship with God?

What is the most important thing in your life?

Closing Prayer

God of everlasting goodness,
our origin and guide,
be close to us
and hear the prayers
of all who praise you.
Forgive our sins
and restore us to life.
Keep us safe in your love.
Grant through, Jesus Christ
and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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