



Friends of Jesus and Mary

XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time

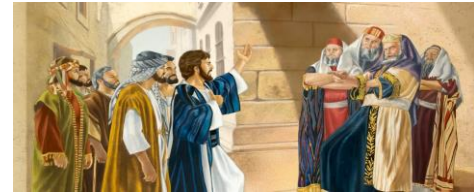
Amos 8, 4-7; Psalm 112; 1 Timothy 2, 1-8; Luke 16, 10-13

You Cannot Serve God and Money

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

Reflection

Jesus tells a parable about someone who uses money to make friends. What did he do? Share. Jesus said: "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones." What responsibilities do you have in your home or in school? (Make bed, brush teeth, do homework...) If you fulfill these responsibilities, what happens? (Parents are happy and may give you more responsibilities.) What happens if you don't do them? (Parents become sad and angry and will not trust you with more.) Jesus says that if, someone is not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, they cannot be trusted with true wealth. What is the true wealth God wants to give us? (His Holy Spirit with all His gifts and fruits, for us to share with others and the Church, thus giving glory to God.) Jesus says: make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. What did He mean? (Helping the needy, the Church, the family with money, action, or prayers will gain us friends in Heaven.) If we don't love God and we love money instead, what happens? (We become selfish and full of avarice and we may do anything to get richer: steal, lie...possibly losing Heaven.) How can you serve others and God with the gifts God has given you? Share thoughts. Does money help us get to Heaven? Share. Does the Holy Spirit help us get to Heaven? Share.



Activity

On the next page, color and fill in the blanks. On the last page, cut, color and glue the pictures of persons being generous to one side of ½ a construction paper. Cut, color, and glue the pictures describing avarice on other side.

Prayer

My God, send your Holy Spirit into my heart and fill it with love. Help me to see the needs of my neighbor and give me the generosity to share my gifts. Thank you for your love and forgiveness. Amen.

Songs: This Little Light of Mine, Listener Kids, <https://youtu.be/cKkbIZtqhyQ> (3-7 yrs.)

Generosity, Jerome Collins, <https://youtu.be/nF3yJg45NZY> (8+ yrs.)

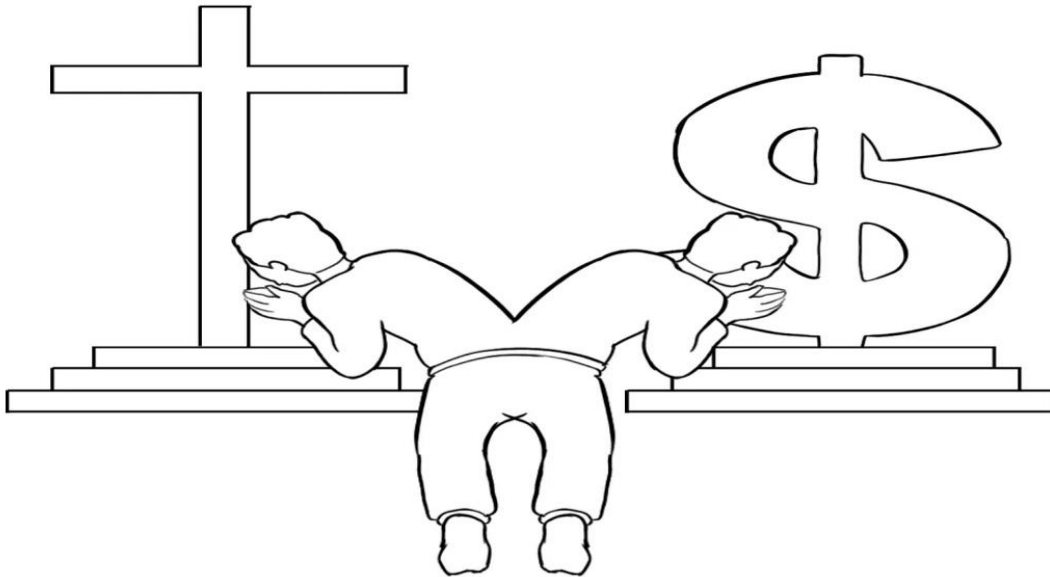
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Fill in the blanks with the following words:
God-small-hate-true-serve-great-dishonest

You cannot serve both God and mammon (money). *Luke 16, 10-13*

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"The person who is trustworthy in very _____ matters
is also trustworthy in _____ ones;
and the person who is _____ in very small matters
is also dishonest in great ones.

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who will trust you with _____ wealth?

If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another,
who will give you what is yours?

No servant can _____ two masters.

He will either _____ one and love the other,
or be devoted to one and despise the other.

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JESUS, I WANT TO SERVE YOU.



I WANT EVERYTHING FOR MYSELF.

Avarice is the sick desire to possess everything, not only money.

The person becomes selfish and refuses to help those in need.

Practicing generosity helps us avoid avarice.

They do not like to share.

