



Daily Reflections

October 23, 2017

Scripture

Luke 12: 13-21

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 the one who stores up treasure for himself

but is not rich in what matters to God."

Our Scripture Reflection

"You Fool, this night your life will be required of you...": Jesus' statement serves as a proverbial cold glass of water in the face of anyone who has succumbed to the sin of greed. Please note, Our Lord does not condemn possessions in and of themselves. It's the attitude of the human heart towards possessions that determines whether someone is a steward of what has been entrusted to them or if that person is possessed by their possessions. We must heed the Lord's warning: "Take care to guard against all greed."

Food for your Journey

A dog, crossing a bridge over a stream with a piece of flesh in his mouth, saw his own shadow in the water and took it for that of another dog, with a piece of meat double his own in size.

He immediately let go of his own, and fiercely attacked the other dog to get his larger piece from him. He thus lost both: that which he grasped at in the water, because it was a shadow; and his own, because the stream swept it away.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You have blessed me with many gifts. Help me to be a good steward so that as I use them I may give You honor and praise. Amen.