



Daily Reflections

October 17, 2018

Scripture

Luke 11: 42-46

The Lord said:

"Woe to you Pharisees!

You pay tithes of mint and of rue and of every garden herb,
but you pay no attention to judgment and to love for God.
These you should have done, without overlooking the others.

Woe to you Pharisees!

You love the seat of honor in synagogues
and greetings in marketplaces.

Woe to you!

You are like unseen graves over which people unknowingly walk."

Then one of the scholars of the law said to him in reply,

"Teacher, by saying this you are insulting us too."

And he said, "Woe also to you scholars of the law!

You impose on people burdens hard to carry,
but you yourselves do not lift one finger to touch them."

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus was not being mean towards the Pharisees. He took them to task for their hypocritical behavior in order to save them. They lived as actors on the stage of the spiritual life, but their hearts were not invested. They lacked humility.

Food for your Journey

Hypocrisy in anything whatever may deceive the cleverest and most penetrating man, but the least wide-awake of children recognizes it, and is revolted by it, however ingeniously it may be disguised.

—Leo Tolstoy.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, With the help of Your Grace each day, may I live as the disciple that You have called me to be. May I always strive to live Your Gospel in Truth and in the fullest manner possible. Amen