Daily Reflections

March 16, 2019

Scripture

Matthew 5: 43-48
Jesus said to his disciples:
"You have heard that it was said,
You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.
But I say to you, love your enemies,
and pray for those who persecute you,
that you may be children of your heavenly Father,
for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good,
and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.
For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have?
Do not the tax collectors do the same?
And if you greet your brothers and sisters only,
what is unusual about that?
Do not the pagans do the same?
So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Our Scripture Reflection

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus acts like a spiritual personal trainer. He is always expecting more out of us. So many times He says, "You have heard it said such and such way, BUT I SAY....." Jesus is not trying to scrap the old Law. Rather, He is calling us to stretch and push and to give our living of the Commandments a serious and full application. It is so easy to become

apathetic and stagnant when it comes to living our faith. Faith is ultimately a use it or lose it proposition.

Food for your Journey

A gilt-edged saint is no good; he is abnormal, unfit for daily life and altogether unlike God. We are here as men and women, not as half-fledged angels, to do the work of the world, and to do it with an infinitely greater power to stand the turmoil because we have been born from above.

--Oswald Chambers,

My Utmost for His Highest.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, it's amazing how much energy and effort we put into caring for and protecting our stuff. After all, we treasure it and we often sacrifice a great deal to obtain it. Help me realize what a treasure I have in my faith. Jesus gave His life for it and many of the great saints throughout history gave their lives in witness to it. May I see in my faith a gift that can bring me incredible joy in this life and eternal joy one day in Heaven. Amen