

The Wisdom of Faith

We attend Mass and pray to God, we have faith...faith enough by our standards and by what we can slip into our schedule. We are good people, but have our flaws, but surely our faith is good enough and must look pretty darn good in God's eyes, compared to that of many others.

“Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel.”

Mark 10: 29

Truly Jesus can't really mean for us to give up that which He gives to us. If we truly have conviction of faith, then the wisdom that faith provides would enrich us in the certainty that God will provide for all that we need. This includes taking care of our family, our homes, our jobs and all other matters of this life. Jesus calls us to give up these things so that we might be free to fully accept his love and to express that same love to others in return.

I go to Mass every weekend, I pray the Rosary every day, I serve at the soup kitchen, surely God is pleased with his faithful servant.

“It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

The wealthy are not just those who hold money, but those who fail to be poor in spirit as well. The wisdom that only faith can achieve, not only calls yes to action and to live out our faith, but to do so in a most humble way. *Blessed are the poor in spirit...* [Matthew 5:]. Being holy because of the things you do, is not enough... Wisdom will teach you that you must be humble in all that you do. Are you serving for yourself, or for the well being of others?

“Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.” Hebrews 4: 12

The wisdom of faith draws us deeper into the endless depths of God's word. It excites our imagination of hope for the ceaseless possibilities that are born of our faith. This wisdom comes not from saying you have faith, but from the humility of living our faith united with the boundless mercy of Christ our Savior. This wisdom helps us to see the face of God in others and in ourselves, it provides the gateway for us to discern God's Spirit that is alive and seeks to invigorate our lives from just living to a living Spirit that transcends this world into eternal life.

Father in heaven, enrich our lives with the wisdom of faith. That in all matters we may seek the guiding wisdom of Your Spirit, alive and active within our hearts. AMEN