

WE ARE CALLED TO FAITHFULNESS

Jesus was always fair and honest in his life, in his preaching, and in his mission. But on this occasion, he recognizes a bad steward.

What does Jesus want us to learn from him?

The parable tells us that an steward had swindled his boss, wasting his money. When he learned that he had been discovered and was going to be fired, he decided to charge less than what his boss owed him, with the purpose of currying favor with the others, who were debtors, and thus remaining in their good graces when he was fired.

Jesus praises this man not because he was deceitful, but because he was cunning.

We understand cunning as the virtue of being skillful or ingenious in achieving something. This man was cunning in order to gain acceptance from others.

It is important for us to reflect on the fact that cunning is a very important virtue in the Christian life.

If we realize it, in our daily lives, we are cunning or ingenious in many ways, such as how we distribute our money, how we care for it, how we achieve our goals, how we look after our image, in our studies, at work, etc.

But now the question is, do we have that same cunning for spiritual things?

How do we care for our spiritual goods?

For example, prayer: do we have this daily and profound encounter with our God?

How do we care for our purity and chastity? We care for the content or information we receive on our cell phones, preventing the impurity that generates sins, such as lust or evil thoughts.

How do you care for your fidelity in marriage? And by fidelity, we mean not only continuing to choose your husband or wife as a life partner, but also fidelity, translated into respect, good treatment, and kindness, despite each person's flaws.

I want to share with you a story about a monk who was on his way to his monastery after completing some important business. On the way, he met a very elegant woman. When he looked at her, the monk began to cry. People asked him why he was crying, and he replied, "This woman puts more effort into her appearance to please men than I put into my spiritual life to please God."

How much effort and sacrifice are we willing to put into pleasing God in our lives?

We make the same effort to please God as we do to please ourselves, in our tastes, and in what we want or seek.

May it not happen to us that we make no effort at all for the things of God, but rather that we are overcome by spiritual laziness. The spiritually lazy person isn't burdened by the body, but by the soul. If we aren't careful, spiritual laziness—that is, laziness and apathy toward the things of God—can transform into a more serious spiritual illness called ACEDIA, which can be understood as a state of laziness, sadness, and apathy toward spiritual matters and toward the things of God.

Let us remember that only the hardworking will see the Kingdom of God.

Let us ask our Mother in heaven to intercede for us so that we may astutely seek and strive to live according to God.