



28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7-11
Ps 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30

Monday Oct. 12

Romans 1:1-7
Ps 98:1b-4
Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday Oct. 13

Romans 1:16-25
Ps 19:2-5
Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday Oct. 14

Romans 2:1-11
Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9
Luke 11:42-46

Thursday Oct. 15

Romans 3:21-30
Ps 130:1-6
Luke 11:47-54

Friday Oct. 16

Romans 4:1-8
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11
Luke 12:1-7

Saturday Oct. 17

St. Ignatius

Romans 4:13, 16-18
Ps 105:6-9, 42-43
Luke 12:8-12

Jesus asks the rich young man, "Why do you call me good? Only God is good." There's a double message here.

First, if the young man truly believes that Jesus is good (and wasn't merely trying to win him over through flattery) and that his teachings are good, and if he has observed his miracles and sinless life, it should be obvious that all this goodness is from God. Jesus is God.

Secondly, if he truly believes what Jesus says, then he should realize that since only God is good, no one else, including himself, obeys the commandments perfectly. This realization should have opened his heart to the truth that Jesus explains next.

How does it affect your own heart? Jesus is saying: "There's only one thing keep-

ing you from being holy like God: earthly attachments. You can gain freedom from this world and possess only what belongs to the kingdom of God by giving away your earthly treasures."

God is not asking us to become destitute. To "give up" anything we possess means being willing to give it away. If it's a good thing for us to have, the source of it is God (for example, the purchases we made thanks to the talents he gave us that got us our jobs) and he wants us to enjoy it, but true joy comes from being God's partner as a distributor of his wealth.

It's awesome to help others by sharing what God has given to us. It's then that we control our possessions instead of being controlled by them.

By ourselves, we cannot achieve complete freedom from attachments.



It's difficult to let go and become willing to share anything and everything that would benefit others. But it's the fullest way to live! To remain attached to earthly

things is a sin that distances us from God and hurts others.

Our lives on earth are to be spent detaching from more and more of everything that doesn't belong to heaven. While doing this, we receive the treasures of heaven.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. In comparison to the holy ways of dealing with life's circumstances that Jesus modeled for us, how unlike Jesus – how worldly – are you today?
2. And how divine is your behavior? What earthly treasure is most difficult to give away?
3. Decide upon an action that will help you detach from it this week.
4. Share the story of a time when you gave away an earthly treasure even though you really didn't want to detach from it. What motivated you to give it away or let go of it? How did God repay you?