

With God all things are possible

The Gospel speaks of an official approaching Jesus with the question: “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” (Luke 18:18) Eternal life in heaven is what we Christians are to seek. For after this temporal, earthly life, there is an eternal life in Heaven. Salvation is a gift from God. We pray that the Lord God look mercifully upon our souls when we are called to eternity. From the time of our Baptism we are no longer children of natural descent, but rather children of God and heirs to the heavenly Kingdom.

Our earthly life is to be one of love, dedication and service to our Heavenly Father. Already from Old Testament times man was called to keep the commandments. The Lord God instructs us that we observe the Ten Commandments, given by God (Yahweh) to Moses when we love God above all else, more than any other person and any other thing. And besides this great love for our God Who created us in His own image and likeness, we are to have a loving and compassionate heart, to love our neighbor as ourselves without any exception. This means that we are sensitive to the needs of others. For how can we say that we love God, Whom we do not see, if we do not love the neighbor, brother or sister in Christ, whom we do see. We are called to recognize that every good and every perfect gift comes from the Father of lights, our Heavenly Father.

Our eyes should be directed toward Heaven and being deemed worthy of entry into the eternal Kingdom of Heaven one day. We are to be less concerned with the acquisition of mere earthly goods and direct our attention towards the heavenly goods. That is how and why the Lord directs the rich to distribute his wealth to the poor and to go and follow Him.

All too often the rich man, wealthy in earthly goods, considers himself to be self-sufficient and does not recognize nor affirm his dependency on the Lord God to live, to survive. Also, the rich man is apathetic to the wants and needs of his fellow men. Because of this lack of recognizing one's dependency on God to exist and the lack of compassion for one's neighbor and the apathy which does not motivate one to help those in need, Our Lord says: “How hard (difficult) it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” (18:24)

The disciples of the Lord who heard these words then ask: “Who then can be saved? (18:26) Our Lord's reply was ” “What is impossible for human beings is possible for

God.”(18:27)

As authentic Christians, followers of Christ, we place our hope and trust in the Lord God. We believe that all things are possible with God, the Omnipotent, All-powerful One. For we know that His love for us is constant. He will never forsake in our hour of need. He will guide and protect us from evil and one day deem us worthy of entry into the eternal Kingdom of Heaven and live with Him forever in happiness there.

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