

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

Praying Christian Virtues – Session 5

Christian Poverty

could be torn off without pain; while that on Esau's hands being the natural growth of his skin, he would have cried out and resisted if anyone had torn it off. So if our possessions are very close to our heart, and storm or thief tear them away, we shall break forth in impatient murmurs and lamentations. But if we only cleave to them with that solicitude which God wills us them rent away without losing our sense of calmness. This is just the difference between the clothing of men and beasts; the beast's clothing grows on its flesh, and man's is only laid on so that it may be laid aside at will.

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DAILY PRAYER

(15 minutes of daily prayer)

BEG FOR THE GRACE: In my particular circumstances, what should I do in order to practice the poverty to which Jesus is calling me?

1. Job 31: 16-28 Had I put my trust in gold.
2. Sirach 14: 3-19 Use freely whatever you have and enjoy it as best you can.
3. Colossians 2: 6 thru 3: 4 For you have died with Christ, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
4. 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12 That the surpassing power may be of God and not from us.
5. Luke 9: 57-62 But the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head.
6. Revelation. 3: 14-22 You are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

On Sundays pray with the Sunday Gospel.