

In today's Gospel, Matthew 19:16-26, we hear of a young man who asked Jesus what he needed to do to obtain eternal life. Jesus responded to him to keep the commandments, and when he said he had done this his whole life, he asked, "What do I still lack?" The Lord told him that if he would like to be perfect he must sell all that he has and give it to the poor and follow Him. The young man went away sorrowful because he had great things.

Dearest ones, do we give all we can to God? What do we find difficult to give? What are we attached to in this world that we cannot let go or offer for the Glory of God? For some it may be money like the young man in today's Gospel reading. For others it may be time or various talents that can be offered for the Body of Christ, that is, the Church. What is it that keeps us away from fully offering ourselves in order to obtain treasure in heaven? What is it that keeps us away from following Jesus Christ?

Each of us may have a different reason of not fully offering what we can to God and to our neighbor, and it may be difficult for us to do so in practice in order to be saved. Today, Jesus Christ tells us, He understands our struggle, and with God all things are possible. Let us set our fears, concerns and attachments to this world at the foot of the Cross of Christ, and let Him in the Highest who destroyed death by death guide us to eternal life; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, amen.