

Commentary on the Gospel for Mon, Oct 17th 2016

After listening to this Gospel, our first thought may be: “these words are not for me; I am not a rich person. Those who own huge fortunes or have a lot of money in banks should listen to this Gospel”. No it is not only for those who are rich, this Gospel is also for us.

The Gospel describes a rich man, a greedy man. Let think what the result of being greedy is. The first symptom is that a greedy person is never happy. He always wants more and more. Even when his fortune grows he is never happy. The real problem is that he owns a huge fortune but deep inside is empty. He tries anxiously to fill that vacuum with objects. He has forgotten how to enjoy the small things, every day`s humble things.

Nowadays, many people think that by having the latest phone, a huge house or the best car, they are going to be happy. Over and over again, this is what our consumer society is trying to put into our minds. Jesus is trying to wake us up from our wrong ideas. This Gospel is like an alarm clock. Remember: “More blessings come from giving than from receiving.” (Act 20:35).

Let us pray to the Lord to help us to change our mind and our heart to give importance to what we really have.

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