

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Mon, Jul 16th 2018**

**WHOEVER LOVES FATHER OR MOTHER MORE THAN ME, IS NOT WORTHY OF ME**

Jesus encourages harmony within the family. His perplexing harsh words about enmity among family members underscores the urgency of proclaiming and committing oneself to the Kingdom of God, which takes precedence over other values and responsibilities.

We, Filipinos, have a distorted sense of loyalty to the family. We coddle family members who are drug pushers or corrupt politicians. We are mute against their philandering or illegal business practices. We tacitly tolerate their sinful behaviors.

Jesus challenges us to choose between speaking for the values of the Kingdom or silently supporting the vices of our family.

Claretian Publications - Manila