

Reflection Monday Week 20 – 2021

The rich man's question is a question we ask ourselves from time to time: *What more can I do to live a fuller life of faith?* We are built with an innate desire to give of our best and to help others. Giving ourselves totally to God, however, can be a step too far. Just because the rich man was unable to give up everything does not mean he was a failure because he was already doing good and living a worthy life. His sadness was in not being able to take the final step of totally giving himself to God. Maybe the questions we should be asking ourselves are:

- What gets in the way of my caring for and loving my neighbour?
- What grace might I ask of God to let go of those attachments?
- How might I give more to the relationships in my life?

In other words, we are reminded that people are more important than anything else in life, including our possessions.

A Smile (Malek Meleka)

When someone's having a bad day,
a smile could go a long, long way,
so make sure to put one on
and keep it until the day is gone.
You don't know what this deed
could do for a friend in need.
It might save them from the pain
of a sadness they cannot contain.
Don't ask what a smile can do
because I'm sure it once helped you.

True friend John P. Read

Whenever life gets you down,
remember I'll always be around;
all you have to do is call.
When your dreams disappear,
I'll always be near
to catch you when you fall.
So remember, dear friend,
on me you can depend;
nothing's too much at all.
I will stand by your side;
I won't run and hide.
Seeing you happy is my reward.