

Reflection Tuesday Week 32 – 2022

If I had printed what St Paul writes in his letter to Titus, I would be in jail for sexism and discrimination. Paul's letter shows how much society has changed since his day and not always for the better. A better summary of the letter would be *Make sure you practice what you preach!* This is the reason why many people followed Jesus because he lived what he preached. People realised he was genuine.

Paul underlines the importance of dignity, honour and respect hallmarks of the way we should act but also in the way that we treat people. Paul also writes about acting responsibly, particularly as a parent but also as a leader or a teacher. Although an underlying theme of the letter is about how to fulfil our duties which Jesus endorses in the Gospel, Jesus would also want to add that we should fulfil our responsibilities and duties out of a caring love for our families and for those around us.

DIGNITY

What does it mean?

To be asked and respected and even be seen?

Do you know who I am, how I feel or my name?

Do you see me as vulnerable, old, or in pain?

I have a voice, a mind and a soul

Do YOU care what I think, can YOU help me be whole?

Just suppose, it was you sitting here,

How would you feel – would you feel fear?

Would you want people kind, caring and true?

People around to make time for you?

Don't assume I don't understand, please

Include ME, in decisions being planned.

Greet me, acknowledge me, and know my name

Nurture and care is my need, NOT blame

I need a person whom I trust and respect, then I will know that I am blessed.

Thank

You

A number of Men died in an accident and went to Heaven... when they arrived, God told them to line up at His right if in their lifetime, they had been head of their household, and at His left if they weren't. God was surprised to see that only one man was standing on His right, so He said, *"All of you on My left, you should be ashamed! A man should lead his house! Glory and honour will I shower upon the man who upholds his dignity. Speak, now, you on My right, tell these men how you led your household through times of darkness and despair and what qualifies you to stand at My right."*

The quivering man responded, *"Have mercy, I don't know! My wife told me to stand here!"*