

# 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Luke 16:10–13

What we hear in today’s Gospel is not a suggestion—it is a demand from Christ on how we live. It is a piercing truth from the lips of Jesus: “Whoever is faithful in very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in very little is dishonest also in much.”

We sometimes imagine that our faith will be proven in dramatic, heroic moments—when great sacrifice is demanded, or when our loyalty to Christ is tested before the world.

But Jesus tells us something far more encouraging: heaven is watching the little things. The smallest choices, the hidden moments, the unnoticed acts—these are the very places where God’s grace can shine most brightly, and where our holiness quietly grows.

It’s easy to dream about being faithful in “great things.” But the truth is, greatness before God is found in faithfulness to the ordinary.

Think about how we sometimes talk about our families. Many boldly say, “I would die for my family.” That’s noble. But here is the deeper question: would you exercise for them? Would you eat healthy for them? Would you fix your sleep habits for them? Would you break destructive patterns for them? **Would you live for them?** Holiness is not about one grand gesture at the end of life, but about the thousands of small choices that give life and love today.

And here’s the hopeful part: the little things count. Every small choice matters. When we hold our tongue instead of lashing out, when we whisper a prayer on the way to work, when we keep a promise even though it’s hard—these aren’t meaningless. They are practice for heaven.

What looks small on earth is actually preparing our hearts for something much greater. If we can be faithful with the ordinary things that won’t last forever, then God knows He can trust us with the treasures that will never fade.

Now, Jesus also challenges us and says quite plainly: “You cannot serve God and wealth.”

We can’t live with one foot in God’s kingdom and the other in the world—it just doesn’t work. But this isn’t only a warning; it’s an invitation. When we stop trying to juggle two masters and give our whole heart to God, life actually becomes lighter and clearer. Following Christ fully brings a freedom and joy that half-commitment will never give.

So, brothers and sisters, don’t lose heart when you fall short in small ways. God gives us fresh opportunities every single day to try again. And never think your little “yes” goes unnoticed—heaven celebrates it. A quiet prayer, a kind word, a small sacrifice no one else sees—these are like seeds of eternal life that God plants in the ordinary moments of today.

The time for half-hearted living is behind us—not because God wants to punish us, but because He longs to bless us. His desire is to trust us with the treasures of His Kingdom. And the way forward isn’t complicated or out of reach—it starts with the smallest act of love we can choose today.

So let us rise to the challenge: to be faithful in the little things, so that God may entrust us with greater things. Let us not only speak of dying for Christ someday, but burn with the courage to live for Him right now—in every ordinary moment, in every hidden choice, in every act of love that proves He is our Lord.