

The Successful Approach to Life

Knowing how to live, in a way that produces what we all hunger for in life, shows wisdom. What does everyone hunger for in life? **We are all looking for, and working for, and desiring what we believe will give us happiness, peace, justice, love, truth, security, etc.** If we know how to obtain these things, how to keep them, to not lose them; and possess them forever, knowing without a doubt, that no one, and no power on earth, can deprive us of them, or take them away from us, then, and only then, **we are wise.**

We are being deceived all the time in this world, **when we think that acquiring a lot of money, prestige, good clothes, good physical or mental health, a good vacation, food, any sexual experience, life insurance or health insurance, political power, police or military power, or anything else the world has to offer that would please our senses, or in any other way, would satisfy us at any time, would be sufficient.**

“Fools say in their hearts, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good. God looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.” (Psalm 14:1-2 and Psalm 53:1-2)

God knows what he made us for. He made us to enjoy every good thing, and benefit from every experience, in the way that will satisfy that hunger we all have for the best possible in life. In other words, **true wisdom comes only from God.** Jesus Christ, who as God living in our human condition, shows us and teaches us how, in all situations of life, how anyone and everyone can satisfy perfectly the deep hunger we have for what is best in life.

Jesus chose to live poorly always with no money, no influential friends, no political power, no military power, no worldly advantage of any kind. He seemed helpless, while enduring the greatest injustice, cruelty, senseless torture, and abuse of every kind. He never was angry, or hated anyone, while he was enduring all of this suffering.

He looked for opportunities during all his sufferings, and even while dying, to be merciful and forgiving, whenever possible, to everyone. This is the way we are called to take up our crosses, and make the world a better place for others, and in the process, a better place for ourselves to live in.

The way of Jesus Christ which overcame all evil including death for him, is the way for us to overcome all evil in our lives, and enjoy perfectly in heaven, with Jesus Christ, the enduring happiness, peace, and every other good thing we hunger for in life. We are then, wise, if we take up the cross in the way of Christ, while we have the opportunity to do so, in our lives on earth. We can even begin to enjoy the heavenly treasure we yearn for, before we die.

If we practice merciful love and charity with our money, with our bodies and minds, with our possessions; in all circumstances toward everyone, especially those most needy and most unable to repay us, or to even thank us, then we will be truly wise; we will understand Jesus Christ, and experience God who is Love working in our lives to produce his power and goodness, making the world a better place to live in, for ourselves, and for everyone .

In the final analysis, **not by acquiring** money, political, military or any prestigious worldly power, good sensual experience or anything else the world has to offer, will we satisfy our hungry hearts. **The merciful, charitable person always will feel contented and have more than enough.** The selfish, greedy, envious person will always be troubled, anxious, worried and never be satisfied, regardless of how much money, or any other worldly good, he possesses.

