



Scripture Nugget – Small virtues lead to Great ones

The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones (Luke 16:10).

The person who takes the effort to be trustworthy in very small matters will not find it difficult to be trustworthy in great matters. That person's heart is open to receive the grace to be trustworthy in the much bigger job. However, the person who has been dishonest in very small matters will find it very difficult to be honest in great matters because his heart is already hardened by previous dishonesty in small matters. The divine teaching of Christ is clear. The followers of Christ are expected to be trustworthy in all matters, big or small. Simply put, Christ expects us to be honest and trustworthy always and everywhere. It does not depend on the situation but it flows from our faith in the divine teachings of Christ.

Denying the truth of absolute moral norms, Situation Ethics which derives from moral relativism, is founded on the shifting sands of appeasement to the ever-expanding human ego. Juxtaposed against divine, immutable truths, this human ideology is unmasked to be what it really is: another false human ideology among many others. In this confused age of false ideologies, moral relativism, unbridled narcissism and great allurements of wealth, power and ambition, souls are easily blinded to the evil that comes dressed as good, thus contributing to the making of compromised choices, endangering the salvation of their souls. For example, killing of innocent life in the womb becomes dressed up as a female right and "pro-choice." However, moral confusion gives way to clarity of discernment when we embrace the divine teaching of Christ, the unchanging, true moral standard. *Your every word is enduring; all Your righteous judgments are forever (Psalm 119:169).*

Conversation with Jesus: Precious Lord, in this world of easy compromises and moral relativism, Your commandments and precepts stand out like shining beacons in a storm of error, confusion and moral decay. Your commandments of love are an antidote to the self-love that rules countless hearts. Your divine, everlasting truths uncover and debunk falsehoods and false ideologies which are part of the web of deception that covers the whole world (cf. Isaiah 25:7). You are the same yesterday, today, and forever (cf. Hebrews 13:8). On the other hand, mankind continues in its path of deviation from the truth. Your laws are imprinted in every heart (cf. Psalm 40:8). Help me embrace Your laws for they lead me to eternal life. *The law of Your mouth is more precious to me than heaps of silver and gold (Psalm 119:72).* Your laws and commandments are a manifestation of Your mercy. Form and enlighten my conscience in Your immutable, divine truths. Give me the grace to be led by my faith and not by human opinion or external circumstances. Mary, Mother of Salvation, pray for me. Thank You, Jesus. Praise You, Jesus.