

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 18th SUNDAY YEAR C 2022:

INHERITANCE AND SECURITY:

The church calendar year has 34 ordinary Sundays. Together with these we have other seasons in between, like, **advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.** All these are meant to help us to adjust ourselves in different seasons for the growth of our faith.

This Sunday we are called to **look back where we are coming from, where we are thus getting perspective on which direction we should take.**

Our first reading is a challenge to us not only as Christians but as human beings, it is calling us to reflect on few important issues of life which we might take for granted.

The **passing nature of all things including our life and material, possession.** *all is meaningless, meaningless, what profits a man/woman in all his work for all he toiled under the sun (Eccle:1:2) **knowledge, wisdom, material things** are all vanity if they are not leading us to God. Without God all that we have and look for is meaningless.

We toil for **wisdom, skills, properties, knowledge and we must leave all to someone who had not toiled for them!** funny such life.

Our only proper security is God if all what we have gathered has foundation in God then we are deemed to use it well and share it well for the benefit of ourselves, families and community at large in different levels.

When the Covid 19 hit us three years back, the stores were in shortage of tissues, wipers, waters etc, people bought them in big numbers all for **security reason, see what is happening in Kenya now**, basic commodities, cooking oil, gas, corn flour all are in scarcity, holders are pile- stocking them for in view of increment especially during coming elections at the cost of ordinary poor person. The most selfish takes the advantage of the situation, is this not what we are being told in the Gospel today of selfishness of the farmer having all these many grains, not sharing pulling down the barns to rebuild others, Jesus is calling him a fool because he is not minding about his life and others. As much as we need security so we also need to be generous and considerate focusing not only on earthly things but also our spiritual life too.

What we have might turn to **Blessings or curse** depending on the way we use them. We are being called to look into our life's as human beings we need to organize, **and plan ourselves always in our bank accounts, properties, land, houses and Wills**, do it when you are living especially in African context otherwise you leave a lot of **chaos and cases** in your family and extended families. **misunderstanding, fighting, killings within the family have become very common** all in the name of **inheritance of material, properties**, all can become vanity and source of curse **enjoying, pleasure, wealth, power and knowledge**, without thinking of heavenly things as we are told in the second reading. **seek the things that are above where Christ is seated at the right hand of the father, set your mind**

on things that are above not on earthly things(col.3:1-3).where are you going to to set your mind today and heart.

Jesus in the gospel is echoing the same of inheritance and possession which are not **controlled and balanced** thus becoming dangerous to our Christian way of life,rather than using them as channels to reach God they become **obstacles, blinders and curtains.**

He is telling us not to get **greedy out of balance** we want more than what we **need and what is rightly ours.**Greedy will lead people to **cheating,stealing,lying,envy ,corruption and even killing.**This question of inheritance triggered Jesus to talk of greedy and this is happening in our world today.thus inheritance bringing curse rather than Blessings and all turns to vanity of vanities.

We have thousands of generous people in this world,in this society in this church who are very organized and generous may the good Lord keep on Blessings then that they ***continue on being shining example and light of our selfish world!:***