

FR.TK. REFLECTIONS 25th SUNDAY YEAR C 2022.

IS IT GOD or MONEY-THE GREAT CHOICE:

It is a common knowledge and almost accepted in some places to have bad business deals. **corruption, cheating, kickbacks, dishonesty and thuggery** seems to take an upper hand in our present day world.

The more the advancement in the society, the more sophisticated and tricky and unclear transactions are becoming in the world and especially with the modern technology. It is not a surprise to find your account hacked and all details including the savings transferred to another owner without violence! whatever is happening has affected the world in so many ways, economically, spiritually and even morally with these unclear dealings and settlements based on **dishonesty**.

All in the name of money, of all idols, money probably is the most common idol of worship, given the importance of it as means of trade, it is becoming **god to many and misleading many from God**.

In our first reading, the Israelites were enjoying great time of prosperity, but their prosperity turned their minds away from their God to materialism and unclear business. They resented the Sabbath and other days meant to honor and worship God. The services and the times were big obstacle for them (Amos 8:5-6). They wanted to clear this very fast because they were busy in looking for money and making deals. **The great decision is called on here is it God or Money**. Does this alarm you on you Sunday observances! make up you mind today.

They went ahead even in using **cheating and using dishonesty methods**. They **exploited the customers as well as the suppliers** by cheating measurements and mixing useless materials, am sure this is too happening in our world of today. A good example those living in Kenya, {I have an experience working in one of the parishes along Mombasa Nairobi highway cheating was very common with regards to **charcoal, fruits, cereals and worse still Diesel and gas siphoned from other vehicles!**} All these is made worse today by the so called Modern technology which is a menace to unsuspecting innocent ones.

Prophet Amos champion of **justice and oppressions of the poor** saw all what was happening and he **condemned it threatening them with divine justice**. Don't we need the Amos today, can you be him! We are called today to keep away from **dishonesty, greedy, and selfishness**.

The gospel today is calling on us for **truthfulness and honesty**. The dishonest steward improvises ways and means of survival being threatened with firing. He must have squandered the masters property by living **lavish life** life, **careless**, or even **negligence**.

We are called to be **stewards of God in Time, treasure and Talents** the question is how are you managing what God has given under your care? Children, parents, parish, workers are you a good steward?

We are on daily basis confronted with these challenges

family, work, vocation, marriage, divorce, separation, physical and emotional health in our life's as human being and more as Christians. Are we ready to take charge **responsibly** and in an **accountable manner!**

We are called today to make a choice and have our **priorities well stipulated which Master are we serving**. The same God has given us material, properties as **means not as obstacles of reaching him**. How are you using this with the situation we are facing in the modern world. How are we going to pull through, the answer is very well clear.

SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD FIRST OTHERS WILL FOLLOW AUTOMATICALLY !