

## **FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY YEAR-B-2024:**

### **THE POSSESSIVE POSSESSIONS:**

Our first reading today(wis.7:7-11) presents the speech of Solomon in praise of wisdom.It teaches us how we can live **rightly** and use the things of this world wisely thus enabling us to achieve the goal of reaching the kingdom of heaven.We are called to **control things in this world but not letting them control our destiny**.whatever we have in this world is supposed to be **channels but not obstacles to attain our goal**.Solomon prefers wisdom to gold and material wealth.what can we chose today now that we have all with us in our world.

Gospel today(Mk.10:17-30) tells us clearly how materialism can easily derail us if we let them control us than controlling them.It is clearly seen in the communication between Jesus and this rich young man who faced Jesus with such strong passion for the kingdom of God.**what must I do to inherit eternal life** that was the question of the young man which is also our question.Jesus answer was very direct **keep the commandment** and the young fellow didn't hesitate at all.He had confidence in himself and categorically told Jesus **I have kept all that from my youth**, this won him admiration with Jesus.**Jesus looked at him and loved him**.what a good invitation for all of us to ask the Lord to look at our ways of

life and and love us because we are keeping and doing his will? Jesus dropped the bomb straight away to him **\*for you one thing is lacking, go and sell all that you have, give to the poor and you will have riches in heaven, then come and follow me\***. The moment of discernment for the man came they looked at each other and there was great silence and the man left. The gospel says he had many possessions” he opted to go away. He was **obsessed and possessed by his possessions, his earthly wealth trapped him**. We must make our choice this moment are we going to be trapped by the materials given us by God or are we going to use them as channels!

What might be blocking us from following Christ in our present day situation? Might it be **pride, envy, lust, wealth, materialistic ideas, bad relationship or politics?**. Jesus spotted the man’s **obstacle to be possessions**, can we allow Jesus to spot the obstacles in us, can we let him take control today. Note the fact that this gospel Jesus was setting on a journey, **where and when is not mentioned it doesn’t give the name of the rich young man either, it could be here this time, the young person could be you or me! We are looking for the answer today of what must we do to attain the eternal life and Jesus is giving it today \*keep the commandment\* (Note no page 3!).**

