

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 18th SUNDAY YEAR-C-2025:

INHERITANCE AND GREED:

*As we journey here on earth, on our transit to heaven we need things of course to help us. we need food, water, clothes, roof on our heads etc, but the things can easily become our **preoccupation** that we over look other necessary things in life. It is possible they can lead us to **greed and envy thus taking control over our lives**. This is not only material wealthy even **personality trait in anyone, rich, middle class or even poor** if it does that then our possessions end up in **owning us thus making us blind and making us forget other important things like spending time with family, friends and even God**. psychologically greedy person measures their own self worthy by **what they have, the more possessions they have the more worthy they are! Or important they think they are**.*

God gave us **brains, talents, strength and energy** and he expects us to use the gifts he has given to provide for ourselves and others. In the first reading (Eccl. 1:2, 2:21-23) it reminds us of **passing nature of all things unless they have foundation leading us to God**. Vanity of vanities all is vanity. **Material possession, knowledge, wisdom** are all vanity and meaningless **if they are not leading us to God**. without him, all what we have and looking for is meaningless.

We toil for wisdom, knowledge, skills, properties and we must leave all that to someone who has not toiled for them! funny what a life. The preacher is telling us that **our security is God we must not allow material possess us, we must possess them**.

In the gospel (Lk. 12:13-21) someone in the crowd asking Jesus to **intervene in family material inheritance conflict**. Am very much

aware this has become a very big disturbing issue in our society today. It has created **division, family fighting, court cases, hatred, misunderstandings and death in some cases.** All in the name of material, inheritance and wills. Just look at your family and see where it is heading. How many families can't see eye to eye and even talk fighting for the Daddy and Mumy will? The preacher is telling us all, is vanity and it can either bring us **Blessings or curse.** Make your children responsible now to depend on themselves rather than being **dependant and this will divert conflict in future before it starts.** Pleasure, wealth power, knowledge and wisdom should be focused on heavenly, above things where Christ is at the right hand of the father and we must set our mind to that. (Col. 3:1-5, 9-11).

One's life doesn't consist on the possession only. The tendency of trying to accumulate materials at the cost of our life must be balanced if not to get rid off. The rich man in the gospel is not condemned because of having filled the barns, he was a hardworking man **but he was condemned because he allowed his heart to be dominated by riches.** He never thought of sharing it with someone else. They possessed him. Are we going to allow the same?

When we appear before the Lord what are **the spiritual assets we will bring before him?** Will the Lord inquire about the amount of our material possession or what we did with our wealth. Were we good parents, spiritual leaders or Nuns. The decision today is yours.