

## Tuesday June 15

### 11th Week in Ordinary Time

- "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you" Matthew 7:12.

2 Cor 8: 1-9

Ps 146: 2-9

Matt 5: 43-48

Love... The most powerful of all. I've learned that the purest or rather unconditional love comes from God and Children.

By telling us not to retaliate, our Lord Jesus keeps us from taking the law into our own hands. By loving and praying for our enemies, we can overcome evil with good. The Jewish Religious leaders interpreted Leviticus 19:18 as a teaching that they should love only those who love them, and Psalms 139:19-22 and 140:9-11 as meaning that they should hate their enemies. But Jesus says we are to love our enemies. If we love your enemies and treat them well, we will truly show other that Jesus is Lord of our lives. This is possible only for those who give themselves fully to God because only he can deliver people from natural selfishness. We must trust the Holy Spirit to help us show love to those for whom we cannot love.

We can be perfect if our behavior is appropriate for our maturity level-perfect, yet with much room to grow. Our tendency to sin must never deter us from striving to be more like Christ. Christ calls all his disciples to excel, rise above mediocrity, and be mature in every area, becoming like him. Those who strive to become perfect will one day be perfect, even as Christ is perfect.

In maturity: We cannot achieve Christlike character and holy living all at once, but we must grow toward maturity and wholeness. Just as we expect a baby, a child, a teenager, or an adult to behave differently, so God expects us to respond to Him, depending on our stage of spiritual development.

A few months after I experienced Jesus, my interest in reading the bible and wanting to know the Lord, building a relationship with him became my ultimate goal, which remains even now. One afternoon I came across Matthew 7:12 - "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you". These words of Jesus penetrated deep into my heart. My life completely changed since that day. I've been practicing this rule, and it gives me a great deal of Joy.

**Prayer: Abba Father, Place in my heart your kind of love that I may be a vessel to share it with the needy. Amen!**