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MONDAY MISSION

Living with integrity and using our talents for good

Monday 19th October

THIS WEEK'S WORD

Matthew 22:15-21
Giving to God what belongs to God

THE GOSPEL

"Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap Jesus in what he said. They sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a coin, and he asked, 'Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

'Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, 'So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

Matthew 22:15-21



THE KEY MESSAGE

We have responsibilities in the world and in God's family.

Jesus teaches us to be people of integrity — doing what is right, being honest and respecting the law, while always putting God first in our lives. We are called to use the gifts and talents God has given us to serve others, make a positive difference and build a fairer, kinder world.

REFLECTION – THINK, PRAY, DISCUSS

In this Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, but he responds with wisdom. He shows us that we can be responsible citizens, while always remembering that we ultimately belong to God.

We are called to live with integrity — to do what is right, even when it is difficult, and to use our talents to help others. Everything we have belongs to God, and we are invited to use our time, gifts and resources to make the world a better place for everyone.

Questions to think about:

- What does it mean to give to God what belongs to God?
- How can we use our talents to help others?
- What responsibilities do we have in our school, community and world?
- How can we be people of integrity and always do what is right?

OUR STEPS TO LIVE WITH INTEGRITY

1. **BE HONEST**
   Always tell the truth and make good choices.
2. **BE RESPONSIBLE**
   Do our part at school, at home and in our community.
3. **USE OUR TALENTS**
   Share our gifts to help others and make a positive difference.
4. **PUT GOD FIRST**
   Remember that everything we have belongs to God and use it wisely.

"Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord."
Colossians 3:23

LET US PRAY

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gifts and talents you have given us.

Help us to be honest, responsible and people of integrity.

Give us the wisdom to do what is right, to put you first in our lives and to use our gifts to serve others and care for your world.

May we always remember that everything we have belongs to you and that we are called to make a positive difference.

Amen.

THIS WEEK'S MISSION

Use Your Gifts for Good

This week, I will:

- [ ] Think about one of my talents or gifts.
- [ ] Find a way to use it to help someone else (at school, at home or in my community).
- [ ] Make a positive choice that shows integrity and do what is right, even when it is difficult.
- [ ] Be responsible with what I have and look after God's world.
- [ ] Say a prayer asking God to help me use my gifts to make a difference.

Different gifts.
Same purpose.
A brighter world together.

LOVE GOD
LOVE OTHERS
BE THE BEST WE CAN BE

Together in Jesus, we can make the world a kinder place.