

Pastor Column

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What is the difference between a doctor and a priest? Well, there is no comparison, one is concerned with life and death the other is just concerned with the health of the body.

I bet you didn't see that coming...

Consider for a moment, when was the last time you took stock not just of your physical health, but of your spiritual well-being? What is the state of your soul? Is it healthy or is it sick? If your body is sick you should consult a medical doctor. If your soul is sick you may need to consult a spiritual director. Someone that can help you improve the state of your soul with healing through divine intervention.

Think about what you would do if your car breaks down? You have to get it fixed. What if your checking account balance is way off? You have to call the bank; in any of these scenarios you have to take action.

In today's Gospel Luke 16: 1-13, we encounter the parable of the dishonest steward. The story that at first baffles us, but upon reflection reveals profound truths about the state of our inner lives. Jesus tells of a manager who, faced with losing his position, takes action. He shrewdly secures his future. Though his actions are not morally exemplary, his urgency and creativity in addressing his crisis are notable.

What if we approached our spiritual health with such diligence? Just as the steward made arrangements to ensure he would not be left destitute, we too must look at the state of our souls and take active steps toward healing and renewal. Jesus calls us to be "wise as serpents and innocent as doves" (Matthew 10:16) to recognize not only the importance of our spiritual well-being but also the necessity of taking action.

Perhaps it is time to ask ourselves: are we tending to our spiritual lives with the same care and seriousness as we do our physical or material concerns? The world offers countless distractions and excuses to neglect the state of our souls, but the Gospel urges us to prioritize what matters most, the health of our relationship with God. Let's not wait for a crisis to force our hand; instead, let's seek reconciliation, prayer, and spiritual guidance, trusting that divine grace is always available for those who sincerely seek it.

Peace,

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