

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

### OUR LIFE


Our life is a gift of God, and it has often been a quest, in search of meaning. We wish that our life brings cheers and joy to us. But in reality, it's often the opposite.

Why don't we find what we are searching for, a truly happy and meaningful life? Is it perhaps because we are searching in a wrong place or in wrong things? The gospel passage (Lk 12: 13-21), throws light upon what we need to search and where?

*The treasures of life are not found in the wealth we run after, in the things we own, or in the knowledge we boast of. These are material, worldly things, which will disappear or which somebody else will inherit when we depart (Eccl: 2:21). Such was the irony of the rich man on this Sunday's gospel who, having accumulated a great harvest said to his 'soul' (v.19) but did not really live long to enjoy it (v.20). St. Paul, too, in the second reading calls us to set our mind on things that are above (to be wise), and not on things that are on earth (Col: 3:2).*

Today's message is very clear: we cannot make accumulating possessions and acquiring positions the goal of our lives, the purpose of our existence. This is what the 'rich man' of the gospel went through. This is what we call "vanity of vanities." We cannot just fulfill all our bodily needs and forget to nourish our soul. This is not to say that we should disregard our bodies. No, it is essential that we respect our bodies but not at the cost of losing our soul. It is important to remember that we are not just body, but body and soul. Therefore, a holistic approach towards life is necessary. This alone will bring purpose, happiness, and meaning to our lives.

God bless you,

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