

In our readings today, we are shown that a balance between two good things is needed to live a life of faith. The two goods that often work against each other are providing for one's family and relying on God for security. Both in Scripture are necessary, but where is the intersection between dependence on God and living in our world?

Our Gospel today talks about the vices that often blinds us when it comes to a balanced life, greed and pride. Greed is seen in the man blessed with an abundance of grain. Instead of sharing or being content with filling his barns and silos, he decides to tear them down to build storage for a larger capacity of grain. Greed has gripped his heart, its no longer about providing for his loved ones, its now about what can I do to make my life easier. The major problem here is not wealth, but that the wealth symbolizes he is now self-sufficient, secure against any storms or trials. While no one likes to suffer, or be in need, these occurrences knock us out of the prideful mindset of independence.

There is a world of difference between providing for your family and being completely independent of God. We are called to sacrifice for our loved ones, especially our families, which is noble and responsible, but if that sacrifice becomes an excuse for not spending time with them, or modeling the faith for them, what good is it to gain the entire world and lose ones' soul.

For all of you blessed to be parents or grandparents, please pray this week about how to share your faith and dependence on God with your children. Take time to thank God for your families and ask for the strength to find a balance between the cares of this world and preparing your loved ones for the next.

May the Love, Peace and Grace of God be with you,

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