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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION

MONTHLY THEME:

WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Let the LORD be our Teacher



A blind man was standing at the crosswalk of a busy road. Another blind man walked up beside the first and said, "Help across the street?" The first blind man, thinking that the second was offering help, not asking for it, said, "Sure." And together, arm in arm, they stepped off the curb and into traffic. You know what happened. Cars went screeching to a stop. Both blind men almost got ran over.

SCRIPTURE QUOTE TO MEMORISE:

And a voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my Son, the Chosen one, Listen to him."

(Luke 9:35)

This is the way it is when you are spiritually blind and trying to lead someone else. This is also how it is when we who have sin try so hard to tell the next guy about 'their' sin. The blind leads the blind. We would rather point out a dozen sins in the life of someone else than take an honest look at the sin in our own life. We love to point the finger at others, but when someone points it at us, we are quick to defend our actions and make excuses for our failures.

Jesus admonishes us not to judge or condemn others. This advice rests on all our shoulders. Jesus's teaching speaks of a basic truth – we are students, learners. The Teacher is the Master. Far too many of us think we've got it all figured out, and don't need anybody to teach us. As soon as you develop that sort of an attitude, you become a student trying to *teach the teacher*. We are called to wear an *honest realization of who we are*. We are simply pupils at the Master's feet.

Sometimes our addictions are our *Masters* too; TV, screen-time, social media, continuous phone dependency or even platforms like FB. Contemporary and useful as they seem, they do offer a world view of life; it is our prerogative to altar the dialogue and steer our lives and point it toward Heaven. There are other "Masters" we listen to, it could be people who we think are telling us the truth but who may have an opposite dangerous message. It just seems good but in essence hurtful, even harmful. These voices silence and stifle the Spirit that leads to God. *Jesus warns us not to be deceived.*

The only way to discern the voice of God is constant prayer to the One who is The Truth, The Way and The Life! ✝

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Sirach 27: 5-8;

Ps. 91: 2-3, 13-16;

1 Cor 15: 54-58;

Luke 6: 39-45.