**FRAGMENTS OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY**

**(How to be good disciples of Jesus today)**

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**NOT TO ENTER INTO TEMPTATION**

**Temptation is separation from the will of the Father, from the holiness of Christ, from the truth of the Holy Spirit, from the Mother of God, from the Angels and Saints, from the Church, from the Gospel, from the Sacraments, from the mission received and its modalities, from the brothers of faith, rationality and history.**

**Separation from the Father's will. We fall into this temptation every time we lead life from ourselves and for ourselves. We are children of God to manifest to the world his glory, his holiness, the divine beauty of his love, his justice and his mercy.**

**We are children of God to reveal to every man the extraordinary richness of his forgiveness and to make our life a gift to him, so that he can save the world for it. When life is from us and not from Him, it is for us and not for Him, we have fallen into temptation. We are not instruments of salvation.**

**Separation from the holiness of Christ Jesus. We fall into this temptation when we do not manifest to the world the truth, grace, light, patience, gentleness, humility, peace, forgiveness, redemption and salvation which are essence of the body of Christ of which we are part.**

**If we are the body of Christ we must live as the true body of Christ. We must manifest Christ Jesus with words and deeds. Every vice, every scandal, every vain word, every sinful work testifies that we are without the holiness of Christ Jesus. We have fallen into temptation.**

**Separation from the truth of the Holy Spirit. The truth of the Holy Spirit is Christ Jesus. The Spirit is given not only so that he fully tells us the truth of Christ, but so that he realizes it in our body, in our spirit and in our soul. The Spirit is given to "conceive Christ" in us.**

**It is given so that he helps us to ensure that all Christ lives in us and we are the perfect image of him in the midst of our brothers. The image of obedience and submission to the Father, the image of humility and meekness, image of suffering, pain, redemptive and saving passion.**

**We always fall into temptation when Christ the Lord is no longer our model to follow. When the world becomes our model. When the fashions and forms of sin are followed. When you let yourself be conquered by modernity. When his light is not our light.**

**Separation from the Mother of God. We fall into this temptation when the Mother of God is not for us the Mother to whom to listen to and lend obedience to. The Mother with whom to be always confronted, to be inspired by so that our obedience to the Father is ready and immediate delivery of our life.**

**Jesus did not give us his Mother so that she prays for us, but to guide us to him in truth, in justice, in mercy, in forgiveness, in obedience, in suffering, in poverty, in the purity of the heart, in meekness, in humility, in reconciliation and in every other virtue.**

**Separation from the Angels and Saints. We fall into this temptation, when we do not let ourselves be helped by the Angels so that they guide us in the fulfillment of the will of God. When the Saints are not imitated by us in their faith, hope and charity. They tell us that holiness is possible.**

**They are the testimony that the Gospel can be lived in any time and in any place. They are also the attestation that there is no unique way of living the Word of the Lord. The Holy Spirit creates for each member of the body of Christ a new and different modality from the others.**

**Separation from the Church. This temptation consumes us when we make ourselves the truth and we think of ourselves as trees of grace and of the Holy Spirit. Instead, everything is received from the Church: Gospel, truth, grace and Holy Spirit. Everything is a gift of the Father, in Christ and through the Holy Spirit.**

**Everything is a gift of Christ, in the Holy Spirit, through the hands of the Church. But also every gift can be lived only in the Church, for the Church and with the Church. One becomes Church to form the Church. When the Church is not formed, one does not join others to her, we are in the temptation of Satan.**

**Separation from the Gospel. The Gospel is the source of the truth of Christ Jesus, from which our truth is. The source of the holiness of the Lord Jesus from which our health is. When we separate ourselves from the Gospel we separate ourselves from Christ Jesus, from his truth and holiness and from his light and perfect justice.**

**Today we have all fallen into this temptation because for us today the Gospel is only a mask to be worn to deceive the world. We wear the mask of the Gospel, but to convey our thoughts, our fantasies and imaginations, our desires and our philosophies.**

**Today the whole Gospel is reduced to a lie because it is read from immanence and not from transcendence, from the will of man and not from the will of God, from our thoughts and not from the thought of Christ Jesus, from our anthropologies and not from the anthropology of the Holy Spirit.**

**Separation from the sacraments. The sacraments are like the earth for the tree, like water for fish, like air for every living thing. Without land the tree dries. Without water the fish die. Without oxygen there is no form of life on earth. Without sacraments the Christian dies.**

**Temptation knows that every separation from the sacraments is sure death for Christians. It also knows that without baptism one is not even a Christian. Today this temptation is driving men away from both from baptism and the other sacraments. But many children of the Church are the most hard tempters.**

**Sacraments are the true essence of life. Without them there is no life. Satan has been very skilled in this. He created disciples of Jesus without sacraments. He formed churches without this source of grace. He wants non-Christian Christians and non-disciple disciples. Great shrewdness.**

**Separation from the mission received and its modalities. This temptation is very subtle. You want to be Christian, but from your heart, from your will, from your emotions. The emotional Church is born, but no longer confessional, the Church of man and not that of the Spirit.**

**We form the Church in a human and not divine way. Mission and modality must always come from God. If they come from us, we build a profane and unholy church. We leave the brothers in sin, because we do not carry them either to the grace and or into the truth of Christ the Lord.**

**Separation from the brothers of faith. We are the body of Christ, to act in unity. Temptation comes, separates us and isolates us from others. In so doing, it weakens the saving, redemptive and missionary power of the body of Christ. Communion and unity are the invincible force of the body of Christ.**

**But communion is not built outside the body of Christ, but in the body of Christ. Communion begins with respect for the will of the Holy Spirit above every person in the body of Christ. Today, however, instead in the place of the will of the Holy Spirit, everyone has placed his will and his thought.**

**Today we live in most total blindness. We live as blind people. We proceed as blind. We speak as blind. We act as blind. We do not see the failure of our mission. Nor do we want to recognize sins that invalidate our presence as Christians in the world.**

**Separazione dalla storia. La storia è il campo di Dio nel quale siamo chiamati ad operare. La tentazione ci isola dalla storia. Ci fa cristiani per noi stessi, da noi stessi. Non siamo più coltivatori della storia per portarla alla salvezza. Siamo curatori del nostro piccolo orticello di vizi.**

**Separazione da ogni sapienza e intelligenza. Il Signore ci ha dato ogni sapienza e intelligenza per essere collaboratori del suo mistero di salvezza attraverso la partecipazione di tutto il nostro cuore e la nostra mente. Tutto l’uomo deve essere a servizio del mistero della redenzione.**

**Separation from history. History is the field of God in which we are called to operate. Temptation isolates us from history. It makes us Christians for ourselves and from ourselves. We are no longer cultivators of history to bring it to salvation. We are curators of our small garden of vices.**

**Separation from all wisdom and intelligence. The Lord has given us all wisdom and intelligence to be collaborators of his mystery of salvation through the participation of our whole heart and mind. The whole man must be at the service of the mystery of redemption.**

**Instead we almost always live the mission as mules who have no intellect. Instead of using all wisdom and intelligence drawn from the Holy Spirit, we let ourselves be led by ignorance, foolishness, emotionality, fantasy, imagination of sin and death. We act as non-men.**

**It is truth. The Christian, and in a very special way, all those who are the guides of the people of God, are tasty preys for the prince of darkness. He knows that it is enough to fall into one of these temptations and the kingdom of God is no longer built on earth. It is evident that we have fallen into temptation.**

**It is such a sign that we no longer build the Church of Christ Jesus. If the Church is not built, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, the Mother of God, Angels, Saints, the Gospel, grace, truth, justice and the man himself are enveloped in darkness and great obscurity. It is the realm of idolatry.**

**THE DRIFT OF THE WORLD**

**When one leaves the will of God, manifested in his Law, given in the Gospel of Jesus the Lord, manifested by Christ Jesus himself with his obedience until the death of the cross, the world always drifts. There is no salvation and no even life when the Word of the Lord is abandoned.**

**If we ask ourselves why man lives far from the Word, the first answer is because he does not know it. He does not know it because it is no longer announced to him according to its most pure truth placed in it by the Holy Spirit. The Gospel is read, but the will of man is announced.**

**Because of this omission, fruit of the betrayal of the mission, the people of God is without the Word and the world also remains without the light of the divine truth. But for the lack of this announcement all the ministers of the Word who have reduced the Gospel of salvation to lies, are responsible.**

**Every minister of the Word is obliged to preach, announce, teach, proclaim and explain only the Gospel. From the Gospel he must draw the truth of salvation and offer it to every man, without distinguishing between believers and non-believers, near and far, Jews and Greeks and faithful and non-faithful.**

**The responsibility for the drift of the world always lies with the minister of the Word who transforms the truth of the Gospel into a lie, because he gives his thoughts to the Gospel, rather than announcing it according to the thought of God. For failed announcement, the people goes to ruin and drifts away.**

**The responsibility of the drift passes from the minister of the Word to every single man from the moment in which he announces the truth of the Gospel according to the modalities of the Gospel: With deep conviction in the Holy Spirit, with the testimony of an evangelical life and with purity of truth.**

**If the announcement is not made according to these three rules, the responsibility of those who drift both morally and spiritually lies with the minister of the Word. He did not announce the gospel according to the rules of the gospel. The Gospel of God must always be proclaimed as the Gospel of God, never as the word of man.**

**However, man often does not want to believe, refuses to accept the Word, from the moment of the announcement the responsibility for death and eternal life is on his shoulders. The prophet of the living God carried out his ministry. He did what the Lord asked of him and in the right way.**

**Here is what the Lord reveals to his prophet Ezekiel: "At the end of those seven days this word of the Lord was addressed to me: "Son of man, I have placed you as sentinel for the house of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, you will have to warn them on my part.**

**If I say to the wicked one: "You will die!", And you do not warn and speak so that the wicked one desists from his perverse conduct and lives, he, the wicked one, will die for his iniquity, but of his death I will ask account to you.**

**But if you warn the wicked one and he does not get converted from his wickedness and his perverse conduct, he will die for his iniquity, but you will have saved yourself. So, if the righteous turns away from his righteousness and commits evil, I will place a hindrance before him and he will die.**

**If you have not warned him, he will die for his sin and the right works performed by him will no longer be remembered, but about his death I will hold you responsible. But if you have warned the righteous not to sin and he will not sin, he will live, because he has been warned and you will have been saved" (Ez 3: 16-21). Word that applies to every ministry of the Word.**

**Today the drift that the world is facing is due almost entirely to the failure to proclaim the Gospel of God, according to the truth and the modalities given to us by Christ Jesus. Gospel and modalities are one, just as Gospel, Christ, Church, grace, truth and sacraments are one.**

**A ship drifts either because it has no engines, or because the rudder has broken, or because it is without the helmsman or because the helmsman does not steer the ship according to the orders given by its master. It also applies to the Church, that is the boat of Christ Jesus. It applies to every community.**

**Today we know why the boat of the Church and the world drift: because they have forgotten the Word of Jesus the Lord. The Word is everything for the Church and for the world. If the Church is deprived of the Word, the world is also deprived. If the Church is adrift the world will be too.**

**LOVE OF CROSS**

**Love can only be love of cross, because it requires self-denial and obedience to God, according to his Gospel, until death and death on the cross. Denial is in thoughts, in will, in desires, in phantasy and in emotions.**

**We deny ourselves to everything that comes from us, to be only from the Word. Once you are from the Word, you must always want to be from the Word. It is this will to be always from the Word that becomes cross for us, because obedience is at all times and not when we like it.**

**When you receive a command, that's when you have to deny yourself. When we are told of ways, it is then that we must deny ourselves. Commandments and modalities must be lived forever, not for a day. The fruits of salvation come from obedience and not from our thoughts.**

**PROPHETIC MANDATE**

**When one receives a prophetic mandate, he must be obedient to it with constant supreme fidelity. Nothing can be added and nothing taken away from the mandate. Nothing must be changed by our heart or by our desires and feelings. The reasons for the mandate are in God, not in us.**

**The reasons are in the wisdom and intelligence of the Holy Spirit, never in our heart or in our mind. If Jesus or his Mother gives the mandate to proclaim the Word, fill the house of the Father, living a life of perfect exemplariness in everything, one must be faithful to it.**

**The mandate bears fruit if it is respected and obeyed. If it is changed, if no obedience is given to it, the fruits will not come. Obedience to the mandate is guaranteed by the fruits promised to it. You obey, the tree will produce its good indeed excellent fruits of salvation.**

**If you do not obey either in whole or in part, the fruits will not be there, but for the lack of fruiting, the responsibility lies with the one who has not obeyed. Word to be reminded, house of the Father to be filled and perfect exemplarity are one, indivisible thing forever, just as roots, branches and fruits are.**

**If the roots are cut from the tree, it will dry out. If you cut the branches it doesn't produce. If a storm of scandal and bad example shakes the branches, the fruits fall still unripe and the tree does not produce in this case either. Scandals are more than storms and tornadoes for the mission.**

**When exemplarity is missing, it is a sign that the Word is not in us. If the Word is not in us, the Holy Spirit is not in us either. If the Spirit of the Lord is missing in us, the Word we say will never be of Christ Jesus. It will be of the earth, we draw it from us. Only the Word of God is the Word of eternal life.**

**If the Word is not of God, never might the Father's house be filled. He sends us the instrument through which we can invite men to conversion so that they return to the Father's house. Having returned to the father's house, they need our exemplarity to grow.**

**LOVE COMBAT**

**The Christian is called to fight the good fight of faith, but his can only be a fight of love. What does a love fight mean? That only his greatest good, his eternal salvation, his true redemption and eternal life are desired for man.**

**The battle of faith is not fought for personal interests or for worldly, ephemeral, sinful glory. Instead, we fight to bring some soul to Christ and into his Church, knowing that it is in the Church that the soul will be clothed with true salvation, true redemption and true eternal life.**

**A fight that does not have as one and only end to fill the Father's house, make the body of Christ beautiful and build the true kingdom of God on earth, is a fight of pure immanence, it lacks the transcendence that gives it truth. Therefore, it is a false, lying and deceitful fight.**

**WITH THE HELP OF THE GRACE**

**No real fight might be lived, without the help of the grace that comes from the Father, for Christ Jesus, in the Holy Spirit and through the intercession of the Angels and Saints. Every grace must be requested with an uninterrupted prayer. The purpose of prayer is only one: making the body of Christ beautiful.**

**The body of Christ must be made beautiful by giving every supernatural beauty to our body, our soul and our spirit. Working without ever failing so that the Word of the Gospel resounds in every heart and every heart can become the true body of Christ Jesus, in holiness and light.**

**BRIEF FINAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**A brief reflection on the causes of the drift of the world might help us to give true salvation. When one leaves the will of God, manifested in his Law, given in the Gospel of Jesus the Lord and manifested by Christ Jesus himself with his obedience until the death by the cross, the world always drifts. There is no salvation and no life when you abandon the Word of the Lord. If we ask ourselves why man lives far from the Word, the first answer is because he does not know it. He does not know it because it is no longer announced to him according to its most pure truth placed in it by the Holy Spirit. The Gospel is read, but the will of man is announced. Because of this omission, fruit of the betrayal of the mission, the people of God is without the Word and the world also remains without the light of divine truth. But of this missing proclamation responsible are the ministries of the Word who have reduced the Gospel of salvation to lies.**

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**Mother of the Redemption, Angels and Saints, help us. We want to live according to truth, justice, holiness, perfect exemplarity, dedication, zeal and fidelity the mission entrusted to us.**