

Francis of Assisi: Admonition 27 Series of Six Week Three: Where There Is Poverty with Joy

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- ³ Where there is poverty with joy, *there is neither greed nor avarice.*

Be-Attitudes: Matthew 25: 3-12

- Our Attitude must be that of Christ! Philippians 2:1; Ephesians 5:1; etc.
Francis was particularly taken by a phrase in Paul's Letter to the Philippians: "Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at." The "attitude of Christ" is the template which Paul posts, speaks about, writes about and attempts to implement in his own life.
If Jesus (who was God!) wasn't interested in "Playing God" on earth, then who are we to pretend to play God. Jesus becomes poor for us, that we might be given life in him as the Christ.
"By the Mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity!" (Recognize that prayer from the Liturgy?)
- What do we "own"? ... What own's us?
- An awareness of Poverty beyond material. Here's a phrase from a poem by St. Clare: "O God-centered poverty, / whom the Lord Jesus Christ / Who ruled and now rules heaven and earth, / Who spoke and things were made, / condescended to embrace before all else!" ("[O Blessed Poverty](#)," by Clare of Assisi)

*Be Peace!
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Once in her Body
The Virgin of virgins,
Bore the Word of God!
Now in my weakness,
I in my Spirit,
I bare the Word of God!

- Clare of Assisi

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