

To Fulfill God's Commandments Daily in One's Deeds

by St. Benedict of Nursia

St. Benedict emphasizes the importance of fulfilling God's commandments daily through love, respect, and community engagement.

Scripture: Proverbs 3:7, Matthew 5:44, Romans 12:18, 1 Corinthians 2:9, 1 Peter 5:5

Topics: "Christian Living", "Spiritual Growth"

Description

St. Benedict of Nursia preaches about the spiritual tools of the craft, emphasizing the importance of fulfilling God's commandments daily in one's deeds, loving chastity, hating no one, avoiding jealousy and envy, and steering clear of contention and haughtiness. He also stresses the need to respect seniors, love juniors, pray for enemies in the love of Christ, make peace with adversaries, and never despair of God's mercy.

Transcript

62. To fulfill God's commandments daily in one's deeds.
63. To love chastity.
64. To hate no one.
65. Not to be jealous, not to harbor envy.
66. Not to love contention.
67. To beware of haughtiness.
68. And to respect the seniors.
69. To love the juniors.
70. To pray for one's enemies in the love of Christ.
71. To make peace with one's adversary before the sun sets.

72. And never to despair of God's mercy.

These, then, are the tools of the spiritual craft.

If we employ them unceasingly day and night,

and return them on the Day of Judgment,

our compensation from the Lord

will be that wage He has promised:

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,

what God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Cor. 2:9).

Now the workshop

in which we shall diligently execute all these tasks

is the enclosure of the monastery

and stability in the community.

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