

Jesus sends the seventy-two disciples

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Luke 10,1-9

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*Into whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this household."
If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you.*

We already commented what Jesus said to the seventy-two disciples leaving to announce his Kingdom. We will never get tired to meditate the core truths of our faith, because it is always very difficult for us to transform them into action.

The key issue is not to acquire increasing knowledge of our faith, but to make what we know a structural and structuring part of our life.

In this moment each one of us is driven by dynamisms we have inherited, or acquired or self-built. We react to reality, sometimes without being aware of it, in a specific way. The way we interact with external reality determines our psychological life, that is feeling joy, peace, irritation, having friends or enemies, being nice or ugly...

We often give responsibility of our internal uneasiness to others; for sure other people may be an important cause, **but we forget that we also determine other people's reactions.** We are not able to bear and endure others' limits and incapacities.

Consequently, we risk to follow our instincts and dynamisms also in our relationship with God, often without being aware of it.

The Lord tells us that **only the man seeking peace will receive peace; only the man seeking truth will encounter it; only the man seeking the good will receive the precious gift of God's Kingdom.**

We need to strive every day to modify our internal dynamisms, because it is only through this modification, the re-structuring of our acting, that we allow God to realize his salvation.

God has already done what he could do without us; there is only one thing missing: what He can do if we allow him to do it.

Let us try every day then to increase our desire of receiving peace, truth, harmony, justice, goodwill, mercy.

Let us cultivate all this and the Lord will give us His Kingdom.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.