

SACRED HEART

Novena Reflections

SERIES



Day 6: “Knowledge of the Heart of Christ, make my heart wise”

Fruit: Allow myself to be instructed by the wisdom of Jesus, that will lead me to choose what is truly worthwhile in this life and that builds for eternal life.

Petition:

Lord Jesus, give me the grace to know you more intimately, to enter into your heart and experience your personal love for me. Jesus, just as you love me, I ask you for this grace:
Make me fall passionately in love with you!

1. The Wisdom of Christ and the Wisdom of the World.

a) What does Christ value? - How does Christ see?

*“And He sat down opposite the treasury and began observing how the people were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent. Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, **put in all she owned, all she had to live on**”.*
Mk 12: 41-44

b) The parable of the rich man - he accumulates for himself, he is not rich in the eyes of God.

*“And He told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man was very productive. And he began reasoning to himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.”’ But God said to him, **‘You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?’** So is the man who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God”.* Lk 12: 16-21

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Prayer:

Jesus, today I want to choose you and make of you the treasure of my heart. I ask you to teach me your wisdom, which is the wisdom of love, to choose YOU over all things. Teach me to live for heaven, to live with my feet on earth- but with my gaze in heaven. May all my actions and decisions be based on this wisdom and knowledge of your love.

With the Knowledge of your Heart, make my heart wise!

For prayer and reflection:

1. What does the Heart of Christ teach me in this reflection?
2. Do I tend to value things and people as Christ does, or how the world and popular culture do? Why?
3. What do I value most? Where truly is my treasure and my heart? (Write at least 3 things). If your spouse or children had to write down the 3 things they think you value most, would they coincide with the things you've written down?

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