

## Lesson Plan 11-28-10

### Thanksgiving following Communion

Saint Andrew Feast day November 30<sup>th</sup>

Gospel Lesson Luke 18: 18-27 “one thing you still lack” in

- Andrew called Protokletos meaning “ first called” he was the first to be called to serve as an Apostle
- Apostle word means “ one who is sent”
- Born in Bethsaida in Galilee- who else do we know grew up in Galilee
- Bore a Greek name Andrew means “ man of courage”
- He and his brother Peter were fishermen – what can we assume about them if they were fishermen (hard working, basic education, simply, humble)
- What does this say about who can serve Jesus
- Andrew preached with great strength in Asia Minor (Turkey), Greece, and in area Constantinople
- Tradition says he helped bring thousands upon thousands to Christ many in large groups once reported over 300 converted to Christianity in one Synagogue
- Andrew ordained more Bishops and Priests than all other Apostles combined
- Founded parishes in Asia Minor, Pontus, Bithynia, Thrace, Macedonia, Greece, and Russia where he is still considered the Patron Saint of all Russia
- Andrew was martyred for his faith after converting Maximilla the wife of the ruler Aegeates
- He was crucified for three days on an X- shaped cross which has ever been called “ the cross of St. Andrew “

Gospel Lesson  
“ One thing you still lack “

Read Luke 18: 18-27 and discuss

- What does eternal life mean to you?
- What is involved in obtaining eternal life? In other words ask yourself, What must I do to obtain eternal life?
- Why does Jesus say it is hard for those who are wealthy to “ enter the kingdom of God “?
- When can our possessions become a burden?

Think about whether you are ready to follow Jesus, and if so how might your life be different if you followed Him with all your heart and soul?

The rich ruler in the Gospel lesson was unhappy, unfulfilled, he sought something greater in his spiritual life he was ready for growth. He asked the question to Jesus what must I do to inherit eternal life ---- this is what he wanted.

Jesus tells him what he must do keep the commandments and he responds all I have done since my youth. Pretty bold right? “ One thing you still lack, sell all that you have and give to the poor and come and follow me.”

What does the young rich ruler do next?

What would you do if Jesus told you what to do to inherit eternal life?

Just one thing kept him from God. His heart was tied up in his material possessions. Jesus does not condemn

all possessions, he never told Peter or Andrew to give away their fishing boats. Jesus remember is the “physician of our soul and bodies He knows the right prescription to give us to heal us of our sicknesses.

All of will ask the question one day what “one thing” keeps me from me from God? drugs, alcohol, success, money

### Socratic vs. Platonic Ethics

Socrates Greek philosopher born 469 BC died 399 BC

Plato Greek philosopher born 427 BC died 348 BC

Socrates claimed that a person was morally acceptable if the evil points in his life were balanced by good points.

Ex. If a person had a bad temper but was very giving he was considered to be O.K.

Plato disagreed completely he taught that personality, like a chain, is only as strong as its weakest link. Ex. A boat with one plank rotted out will still sink even though all the others were watertight.

Which philosophy do you think sounds most like Jesus’ teachings?

We must try whole-heartedly to not keep just one thing all to ourselves and not let Jesus into that part of our lives.

Closing prayer.