

XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time: Full Hands

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off.” (Mt 13: 24-25)

This parable is a description of life itself. Whereas some people make an effort to do good, some go behind sowing weeds, doing bad things and destroying the work that others have done. And because it is easier to destroy than to build, we often have the impression that evil gains ground while good loses. This causes discouragement and even a crisis of faith, and we frequently ask the Lord, like in the parable, why He allows that to happen and why He does not intervene.

God has His time, which of course, is not ours. We must trust Him, for He knows what is going on. But, we can and should do more. It is not enough not to get discouraged. We must take action and try to defeat evil with good. We must work faster than our enemies, and in order to do so, we have to think of the magnificent reward that Christ has promised us: eternal life. What would we do for money? Would we not forgive, help or be at the side of the suffering? And, if we do this for more or less large amounts of money, why not do it out of love for God, who is our Creator, who has given up His life for us, and – let’s not forget – who will judge us?

Purpose: Defeat evil by doing good. Establish concrete goals, within your reach, so as not to fall into generalizations and vagueness. Do not get discouraged.