

Save to Live Tomorrow



If we compare life with a bank in which we can have a savings account in which, after fulfilling the commitments with our service providers, we deposit an amount that will serve as a reserve for contingencies. It is also true that not all of us like to save. This happens in the society in which we live, but if we take a look at our family life, we could say that we could also have a savings account within each of our loved ones. We will call these accounts "Heart".

We invite you to give yourself a moment of rest, and in silence, bring to your mind all your sons, daughters, spouse, parents, brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, etc., and in that quiet space, you can check the status of those "Heart" accounts that perhaps you have neglected.

Genesis 41:1-36

In the book of Genesis, we find the account of the life of a character named Joseph, who was blessed by God with the gift of interpreting dreams. On one occasion Pharaoh had a dream and his advisers could not interpret it, they called Joseph who easily gave the message to Pharaoh. The *"Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile, and there came up out of the Nile seven sleek and fat cows, and they grazed in the reed grass. Then seven other cows, ugly and thin, came up out of the Nile after them, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the Nile. The ugly and thin cows are up the seven sleek and fat cows. And Pharaoh*

awoke. Then he fell asleep and dreamed a second time; seven ears of grain plump and good, were growing on one stalk. Then seven ears, thin and blighted by the east wind, sprouted after them. The thin ears swallowed up the seven plump and full ears. Pharaoh awoke, and it was a dream. ... Then Pharaoh sent for Joseph... and said to him: «I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it. » Joseph answered: «It is not I; God Will give Pharaoh a favorable answer. » Pharaoh told Joseph his dream. Then Joseph said to Pharaoh «Pharaoh's dreams is are one and the same; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, as are the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind. They are seven years of famine ... Now therefore let Pharaoh select a man who is discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land, and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plenteous years. Let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and lay up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to befall the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine."

Certainly, God always looks for a way to communicate with each one of us, as he surely has done with you, just as he spoke to Pharaoh through a dream and from Joseph, he has spoken to you in other ways in which, perhaps, you have not been able to interpret the entire message, due to lack of silence.

Do you know, at this moment, how much you have deposited in the hearts of the people you have in your mind?

A missionary brother once shared that when he read the story of Pharaoh and Joseph, he liked it so much and felt so happy at that moment because he was sure he had deposited a lot of love, understanding, and tolerance in the heart of his wife, but he was surprised when he told his wife this biblical passage, she immediately told him: "I advise you to start depositing as much as you can because my heart is empty."

The truth is that it is not good to assume that you are doing the right thing. It is not until we listen to others that we find the reality of our work. In order to meet our financial obligations, we first have to go to work, and then have the money to pay all the bills. Likewise, to get closer to God we have to work through prayer, listen to his Word in the sacred scriptures, experience his presence in the sacred liturgy (Mass), learn to perceive His voice through others and be generous depositing droplets of love in the heart of our family members, co-workers and members of the parish.

How beautiful it is to have an inner strength that allows us to overcome all our weaknesses, whatever they may be. Remember, in silence is your strength.

"The one whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds" (Sirach 35:20)

Generosity

Lord, teach me to be generous.
to give without calculating, to return good for bad,
to serve without expecting a reward,
to get closer to the one I like the least,
to do good to which nothing can repay me,
to always love freely,
to work without worrying about rest.

And, having nothing else to give,
to donate myself in everything and more and more to the one who needs me,
waiting only in You for the reward.
Or better: hoping that You yourself are my reward.
Amen

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PREGUNTAS Y RESPUESTAS

Q: What is Charity?

R: The theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. (CCC, 1822)

Q: What is Humility?

R: The virtue by which a Christian acknowledges that God is the author of all good. Humility avoids inordinate ambition or pride, and provides the foundation for turning to God in prayer. (CCC, 2559).

Q: What is a Work of Mercy?

R: Charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbors in their bodily and spiritual needs. (CCC, 2447).

CCC: Catechism of the Catholic Church

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- St Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
- St. Joseph, pray for us
- Sacred Heart of Jesus, in you I trust