

## Reflections While Walking



### *Never Enough Time*

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One of the subtler ways in which the devil tries to entrap us is by deceiving us into thinking that there is always enough time to repent of our transgressions and oversights, to become more Christian. Is there a sick friend we've been wanting to visit or call, but we are swamped today and visiting seems to fit better in tomorrow's schedule rather than todays? Is there an apology that we should make for an unkind word we may have spoken or a rumor we helped spread? That too can wait until tomorrow when we are not so busy and have a bit more time. How often have we promised ourselves to get to know Jesus a little better? We were going to find time to do more spiritual reading, spend some time in the adoration chapel, go to confession, or just pray more often. Why does there always seem to be more time available to begin tomorrow instead beginning today? Yet when tomorrow turns into today we still find ourselves rushing after time and short of the time we need to do the things we would like.

Why is it that in a society that shouts at us with an unrelenting sense of urgency to, “Do it now, Buy it now, Go now, Sell it now, See it now, etc.” the only voice we seem to hear when it comes to strengthening our spiritual life is the one that tells us there is no rush, there is still plenty of time, wait, delay? It is the devil himself that is constantly whispering to us that it doesn’t matter what we do today because there is always tomorrow. Shakespeare put tomorrow in perspective when he wrote,

“Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow  
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day  
To the last syllable of recorded time,  
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools  
The way to dusty death.” (Macbeth Act 5 scene 5)

We are truly fools on the way to a “dusty death” if we continually postpone our efforts to strengthen our spiritual life and instead wait until tomorrow to prepare for our meeting with Jesus.

Time is God’s gift to us, but it is a perishable gift and does not keep. It is not necessary to ask God for more time just that he grant us the grace to do what he wants of us with the time he has given us.