



Pastor's Message

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Not long ago, a close relative of mine lamented about all that his close friends had accumulated in their lives. He named one friend after another having this, that and the other thing. Undeniably, each of his friends had a lot. However, I responded to my close relative, “Sometimes, it is important to look up on the ladder of success to notice how far some of our friends and family have climbed. Other times, to keep things in proper perspective, you have to hold on tight, and look below to determine how far you have climbed from others on the same ladder.”

It was the Holy Spirit who enabled my reply. I couldn't think of it on my own! The point I tried to relay to him was when we are envious, we're blind to what possess.

Envy is an anguished experience. It lingers inside, preventing healthy living. Envy results in resentment concerning others. Carrie Fisher, the famous actress, shared the following in regard to the resentment caused by being envious “It is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die.”

Whatever you have, be glad you have it today. Tomorrow you may still have it, but you never know for certain. And, remember, there are so many others who do not have what you possess, as well as never had what you once did.

Keep climbing. Don't risk falling off the ladder of success by constantly straining to look who is above you!

Peace,
Fr. Marc