

Pastoral Interventions



Do We Feel Ourselves Wronged? Judge Life Differently...

Part 2



A person feels wronged when **others do not acknowledge him or honor him**. But this means that he **measures himself by other people, not by God**.

One who feels wronged has not yet understood Who God is. He has not known the love of God. He withdraws into his shell, full of insecurity and pride.

In general, those who feel themselves wronged are ruled by their passions, inwardly impoverished, spiritually slothful, small-minded, and marked by unhealthy self-love.

One who has found the *treasure*, who has found the true Life—and that Life is Christ—is not harmed by any injustice. He judges life differently. He can understand that **the injustice done to him is the result of human pettiness and does not merit distress**. No one can perceive such things unless Divine Grace has illumined his heart.

If Christ is the only *treasure* in our life, then who can wrong us? For the only one who can separate us from God is our own selves, when we sin. Therefore, **only we can wrong ourselves**. And so it is that **no one can wrong us unless we wrong ourselves**.

Indeed, both the one who commits injustice and the one who feels wronged ultimately wrong themselves.

For example, those who commit adultery wrongs themselves, because they violate their relationship with Christ and with their spouse. But spouses, if they feel wronged, also wrong themselves. For a true relationship of love is not only when our companion respects, loves, honors, and does not wrong us. True love is realized when we seek God. When God is our inspiration. **When we are magnanimous. When we know how to forgive.**

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