

Keysis Outline

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Being a person of character Almsgiving

Being a person of character

- What does that mean to you?
- Best definition I've ever heard—a person of character does the right thing even when no one is looking.
- Webster's definition: moral excellence or firmness
- What are some attributes of a person with good moral character?
 - Considerate, responsible, accountable

When I was inconsiderate—

- Taking piano & viola lessons
- On NET training
- Signing our name to a contract
- Most everyone here is spoiled. We don't want for anything, or parents take care of things for us, we live within ourselves.

- Campout for Christ & Abbey Fest
 - It is important not to commit, then not show up.
 - It is important to call Teri when you know you can't come
 - We lost precious funds because of people's lack of responsibility

Review: What are the three disciplines of Lent?—Almsgiving, Prayer, and Fasting.

What is almsgiving?

- Money or goods given to the poor as an act of penance or fraternal charity.
- Together with prayer and fasting, are traditionally recommended to foster the state of interior penance.

The poor widow Mk 12:41-44

- We are called to give out, not just to give up for Lent

What is the church's teaching on tithing?

- **Gen. 28:20-22 Deut. 26:13-15,**
- **10% Lv 27:32 Heb 7:1-2a,** (hand out)

In what other ways can we practice Almsgiving?

- **Is 58:6-7**
- CCC #2447 “The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.”

- James 2:15-16