

THE POWER OF THE WILL

With the grace of God we can fulfill our most difficult obligations; it is in our power, by a proper application of prayer and godliness, to increase this divine grace and thereby augment our spiritual strength and ability. What excuse can we use for not growing in holiness?

Let us ask ourselves why it is that we so often wish to do right and cannot. Why is it that we are so frail, feeble, languid, wayward, dim-sighted, fluctuating, perverse? Why is it that day after day we remain irresolute; that we serve God so poorly; that we govern ourselves so weakly and so variably; that we cannot command our thoughts; that we are so slothful; so cowardly, so discontented, so sensual, so ignorant, so arrogant? Is it that the power of God is not within us? Is it literally that we are not able to obey God's commandments? - - - God forbid! WE ARE ABLE. We have had the gift of grace implanted within us; we have a power within us to do what we are commanded to do.

What, then is the problem? What is it we lack? We certainly do not lack the power. What we lack is the will! What we lack is the real, simple, earnest, sincere inclination and aim to use what God has given us, and what we have in us.

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Let us pray that the priests of the Traditional Movement in the Roman Catholic Church will spend more time in teaching the people how to be spiritual people. Let us pray that both priests and people will discontinue the various crusades and causes that they are so inordinately attached to, and come to the holy realization that the only crusade that all, worthy of the name of Catholic, must promote and protect is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - - NOTHING MORE. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass does not cause division amongst any of us, because it is one. The various causes ALWAYS end up in division and discord. The Mass unites us. The causes divide us, and reduce us to a people without credibility, unable to cope with reality. PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!
Be watchful of the credentials of anyone on a crusade.