



*From the Desk of Father Peter*

*Making Changes in Our Lives in Order to Please God*



*Many people like a good story, especially a story filled with imagery and action. A good story is one to which people can relate and one they can clearly understand. The best story, however, is one that gives people a lesson they can apply to their lives. If we tell ourselves, I think I can, I think I can, Jesus will be there to help us overcome any obstacles we may face and help us move along on the fast track to eternal life.*

*One of the most futile enterprises anyone can undertake is to please everybody. The only person we should try to please is God.*

*Politicians are sometimes accused of finding out what people want them to say before they speak. Few people deliberately choose to offend others; most people want to be liked and appreciated.*

*While most of us want to be liked, there comes a time when swimming upstream against the prevailing current is the only way our conscience will let us go. Parents teach their children not to be swayed by peer pressure but ask them to do what they know is right in their hearts. More seriously, we adults should take a good look at all our habits and our business and political decisions. In our work today, how do our choices align with the social teachings of the Gospel and the Church?*

*Jesus came to bring "glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and release to prisoners." These ideas were not welcomed by the influential people of His town and of His day; neither are they today in our time. Where*

*did Jesus come up with such social plans? How comfortable have we become with God's law?*

*The Lord repeatedly challenges our worldly opinions and attitudes and we find them when we walk in the shoes of the aged, the abandoned and the forgotten. These people, we have them in all aspects of our lives. Do we have faith enough to risk making some changes in our lives in order to please God? How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged in the way we would expect them? When was the last time you shared with other people what Christ has done for you? If we want the Good News of salvation to spread, then we must be like those before us and be unafraid to share it with others. Tell the stories, share the pain and joy, help build up God's kingdom here on earth through our positive attitude in what Jesus has done for us. Let us pray that the Spirit of Jesus will be in our hearts at all times so that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God and neighbor.*



*Peace and love to all.*

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