

# THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: THEME MY CONSCIENCE

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## INTRODUCTION

A blind man, named Bartimeus, is cured by Christ, in this morning's gospel, we just heard. There can be many kinds of blindness in my life. For example: I could become Physically Blind, whereby I can experience a lack of physical Vision.

There is another kind of Blindness, even more dangerous than "PHYSICAL BLINDNESS." In my life,-- moral sight or vision called my "CONSCIENCE"--is a gift from God to me. We are all born with a conscience which helps me to see right from wrong in my life, develops and grows in my life, from my childhood through my adulthood,-- to my grave.

Consider the tragedy of moral blindness.-- Examples: People,-- who harm others//and couldn't care less//PEOPLE who tell many lies and isn't BOTHERED A BIT.// The person who can "SLANDER" Another\ ,-- without giving it a "Second THOUGHT",\-- THE PERSON who can "STEAL"—"BE UNFAITHFUL TO A SPOUSE,"\— and not lose any sleep, over it."THE PERSON , -- WHO CAN DESTROY another's marriage,-- and go on as though "NOTHING HAPPENED".\_\_ SUCH PEOPLE HAVE NO LOYALTY//--NO -- TRUTH,\ --NO GUILT//-- NO SHAME\,. and "NO REGRET"\-- , because//, they have "BLINDED THEIR CONSCIENCE." \ Imagine, what it would be like, - to live with a person with no CONSCIENCE. THE IRISH,-- would describe such a Person AS:-- "HAVING THE MORAL BACKBONE,-- OF A CHINEESE NOODLE".- -

## THE GIFT of CONSCIENCE FROM

GOD TO ME, IS A MORAL EYESIGHT that helps me to know "RIGHT\ , FROM "WRONG,\

FOLLOWING it, is "ANOTHER STEP".—It is a gift to know when I have Failed, --BETRAYED ANOTHER, in MY LIFE\--"WHEN I HAVE REBELLED\ , when MY LIFE \ IS ON THE WRONG TRACK|| WHEN I AM HEADED FOR DESTRUCTION IN MY LIFE--\

IT is HEALTHY,\-- TO FEEL SHAME,\ REGRET,\--and GUILT\-- , because these are the "WARNING SIGNS"\ OF ""MY WORKING CONSCIENCE"|| , -- "MY MORAL RADAR", that helps me "GET BACK ON TRACK".

## CONCLUSION

MY DIGNITY as a "HUMAN BEING" is being able "TO SEE" not just "TREES" -- "PLANTS" -- "MOUNTAINS" -- BUT to "SEE" "RIGHT" AND "WRONG" || MY CONSCIENCE, IS MY "PERSONAL SPACE" "WHERE" "MY CREATOR" "CALLS ME FROM WITHIN" to "FOLLOW THE LIGHT" -- PHYSICAL BLINDNESS, ENDANGERS "MY BODY" || MORAL BLINDNESS -- ENDANGERS MY SOUL, THE GIFT, FROM GOD TO ME OF MORAL SIGHT || IS WHAT MAKES ME, A HUMAN BEING, -- DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF "CREATION" -- AMEN. \_