

## **Thought for the day - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

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### **Wisdom.**

Both John the Baptist and Jesus challenged our narrow concept of religion and called for a change of heart and life. Jesus likens the refusal of those around him to accept God's plan to the stubbornness of children who always want their own way. John the Baptist is too ascetic and Jesus too friendly, example with the Tax collectors and sinners. Sometimes, we stubbornly refuse to accept God's plan for our lives. An example is how do we react when our prayers are not answered as we want?

The focus on Jesus' word is wisdom. Wisdom is justified by all children as in V. 35. The Greek word for Wisdom is Sophia, which means knowledge of how to relate to God. Jesus the closest to God the Father is spoken of as the "the wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1.24) Revealed to us by God through the Holy Spirit. (1. Cor. 2. 1-6). Wisdom has an impact on how a person lives, or discerning good from evil. (1 Kings 3.90.). which helps us to treat others with respect and humility, or to pray and to treasure God's word. Wisdom is also when we learn to examine our lives and repent our sins. We have received the gift of wisdom from the Holy Spirit, and if we reflect on this, we can help change those around us with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**Bible Passage:** Luke 7. 31 – 35.

**Prayer:** By St. Ignatius of Loyola. Heavenly Father, teach us to serve you as you deserve. To give and not to count the cost, to fight, and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to Labour and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do your will.