







little been weakened by the great amount we have left undone? Or by the amount we have never undertaken or never brought to completion? How often are we overcome by our own limp disinterest? How often are we lured away to the selfish interests of this world, its entertainments and lurid temptations? Of course – it is more often than we would like to think about, and very much more often than we are willing to admit.

It is always our responsibility to examine our own lives, especially as we prepare for the Holy Mystery of Confession. Christ has set the standard very high: “He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me...” What are our attachments that keep us from giving all we have to God in His service? What have we placed in front of Him when we make our decisions on use of our time? Of our talents? Of our treasure?

These are the pressing questions that must be asked of every soul that belongs to Christ. Then the answers to those questions need, first of all, to be confessed and forgiven. Then a plan of action to overtake those things that block our lives in Christ must be put in place and followed.