

Sunday Readings Reflections

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Reading 1 Amos 8:4-7

The prophet Amos lived eight centuries before Christ, but the warning he issued against greed is still needed today. He calls on dishonest people who cheat others to take a good look at themselves. They are so focused on money that they cannot wait for the Sabbath or holy days to be over. They are not fair with the poor, even when it comes to selling them wheat for bread. But their greed is no secret from God. "Never will I forget a thing they have done!" God promises.

Reading 2 1 Timothy 2:1-8

This reading from the first letter to Timothy was written at a time when Christians were trying to get along with the Roman government. Wisely, they are advised to pray for those who have power over them. They hope to avoid persecution so that they can live in peace. But they also hope for the conversion of their rulers to the Christian faith.

Gospel Luke 16:1-13 or Luke 16: 10-13

Jesus warns his followers today against allowing money to become their master. They must use money in an intelligent and responsible way. But they must be ever alert to the ways in which concerns about money can take over their lives. Jesus advises them to prove themselves trustworthy in dealing with material wealth. Then they will be more trustworthy in spiritual matters as well.

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