

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES**  
**March 3, 2019**  
**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sirah 27:4–7 † 1 Corinthians 15:54–58 † Luke 6:39–45**



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The Gospel speaks of all kinds of blindness, beyond physical, that are caused by arrogance and superiority. Personally, arrogance and the feeling of superiority have kept me in the dark quite a bit. It's like being lost in the dark, living in a shadow world.

It's easy to feel like our way is the right way. It's more comfortable not to notice our faults and failures and tag someone else for what we believe is wrong with them. In choosing to live an unexamined life, we spend too much time examining everyone else's. This path does not lead to the life intended for a child of God.

Luke has a solution! We can become more perfect if we become like the Master. It's a call to service, to love and concern, to ministering to those in need. It's a call to humility, where there is no room for pomposity. Stay close. Keep your eye on the Master and learn the ways of Lord. Not always easy, but always worth it. Joy, peace of mind, and a feeling of contentment wait to be experienced.