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Cleaning Up Our Temple

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“Many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.”

(John 2:23-25)

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Signs sell. For humans, seeing is believing.
Yet, Jesus did not trust these new believers.
Jesus was a true man. He experienced life as we do.
Jesus was a true God, who hears our groans, sighs, and pleadings.

As Creator, he made us good, made us in his image.
We are Temples of the Holy Spirit.

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What needs to be cleaned out of our temple?
Be honest. No one can deceive Jesus.
Fallen we are. Clean at Baptism.
Yet evil battles goodness within us.
Jesus battled evil the temptations of power, prestige and priorities
Jesus was victorious over Satan. We, too, can claim victory.

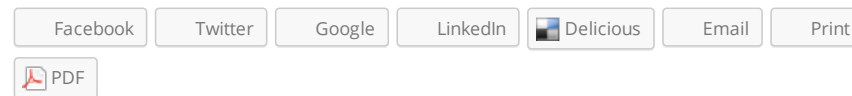
Fickle and fallen we fall from God.
We must discern what is evil and what is good.
Our believing must be true.
True believing requires new birth and change.
Lent is the time to challenge our fallen nature.

What needs to be cleaned out of our temples?
Be honest. Our human God cannot be deceived.

For Reflection and Sharing:

1. Like the believers whom Jesus did not trust, might you be a money-maker, a sign-seeker, or a opinion-judge of who or what is good or evil?
2. Why do we sometimes give into temptations?
3. What is the major temptation which repeats itself in your life?
4. What wants and desires need to be cleaned out of your temple?
5. Who will battle my demons with me?

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Thank you for sharing these wonderful thoughts. I cleaned out my temple by going to Confession on Wednesday night. I feel much better about myself and my relationship with Jesus. I feel much closer to Him and very drawn to His service.

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