

gain to follow him to go bury his own father. He excludes from the number of his disciples him that does not renounce his father, and his mother, and still more him that does not renounce himself.

9.

A modest exterior and good example are a silent but most efficacious sermon. These virtues are the characters which, as it were, distinguish the true servant of God from those who are slaves to their senses, and as they spring from an interior grace they necessarily produce wonderful fruit in all who witness them.

10.

It is absolutely necessary, either for our own advancement or the salvation of others, to follow in all things the beautiful light of faith.

11.

Dignities have their thorns like other conditions of life, and superiors who wish to fulfill their duties both by conversation and good example, have much to suffer.

12.

It is necessary to have practised for a long time what we wish to teach others. By this means, the word of God when it proceeds from our mouths, will produce one hundred fold.

13.

We should come to no resolution in important matters when we are agitated by hope or desire, because, as the success of human enterprise often de-

pends on the activity and ardour with which they are followed, so on the contrary the success of God's works depends on that humble submission to his will which peacefully awaits the moments he himself has marked out for the accomplishment of his designs.

14.

Do the will of God in all things, and in all places. Be ready to live or die according as God shall will. This is the disposition of good servants of God, and of men who are truly apostolic. It is the mark which points out the true children of God who are always disposed to accomplish all the designs of so good and sublime a Father.

15.

Prayer is absolutely necessary for those who labour for the salvation of souls, either to nourish in them an ardent desire of making new progress in devotion, and fervour, or to inspire them with new zeal and courage in the services they render to their neighbour.

16.

Those who are animated with true charity cannot prevent it from appearing outwardly, and exterior acts are usually proofs of the interior dispositions of a soul.

17.

A charitable word is all that is sometimes necessary to convert an obdurate heart. In like manner one bitter word is capable of afflicting a soul and plunging it into a sadness that may be most injurious.