



**July 2, 2017 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 97 Gospel MT 10:37-42**

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple— amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

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**Spiritual Reflection:** Most problems in any relationship are caused by neglect and not malice.

**Spiritual Questions:**

1. How can you avoid neglecting others?
2. How can you avoid neglecting God?
3. Describe a time in which you felt hurt because of someone neglected you?
4. Describe a time in which you neglected someone but they thought you were being malicious?
5. What is a righteous man's award?