

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

'Although it may appear outwardly that we make our way toward God, the joyful and wonderful truth is that it is God who comes to us'

Matthew the Poor

'We shall be blessed with clear vision if we keep our eyes fixed on Christ, for He, as Paul teaches, is our head, and there is in Him no shadow of evil. Saint Paul himself and all who have reached the same heights of sanctity had their eyes fixed on Christ, and so have all who live and move and have their being in Him. As no darkness can be seen by anyone surrounded by light, so no trivialities can capture the attention of anyone who has his eyes on Christ. The man who keeps his eyes upon the head and origin of the whole universe has them on virtue in all its perfection; he has them on truth, on justice, on immortality and on everything else that is good, for Christ is goodness itself.'

St. Gregory of Nyssa

You mustn't wage your Christian struggle with sermons and arguments, but with true secret love. When we argue, others react. When we love people, they are moved and we win them over. When we love, we think that we offer something to others, but in reality we are the first to benefit.

Elder Porphyrios, + 1991

Abba Sisoies said, "Let yourself be despised, cast your own will behind your back, and you will be free from care and at peace."