
On Whose Side Is God?

In this war we can't very well cry "God is on our side" unless we make sure that we are on God's side.

It can easily be that our involvement in this war is permitted by God as a chastisement for our sins. Individually, we can't do much about the widespread evils of divorce, birth-control, abortions, dishonesty and licentiousness that belie our claim to be a Christian nation. However, we can - and must - purge sin from our individual lives to make our nation more worthy of God's favor for example:

1. Avoid sin, if not from love of God at least from a motive of fear.

Look at any temptation as you would regard a tank or a bomb on the battlefield, where many of you may be one day. Seeing either coming at you, you'd jump pronto. Do the same with temptations.

They produce death for the soul, which is worse.

2. Avoid giving bad example or being occasions of sin to others by promoting lewd conversation, pictures, or reading. Encouraging sin of others at this time is a detestable form of sabotage and fifth column activity against the cause of Christ.

Everyone of us, youth particularly, needs God's help pitifully in this struggle. To sin and offend Him now is the very height of stupidity.

On whose side is God? - rather, are you on God's side?

"Whether You Eat or Drink".

The sermons at all Masses Sunday stressed a fundamental and inspiring truth - that we can make our whole day a prayer, that we can be praying without ceasing if we refer and offer all our actions to God: our study, our work of any kind, obedience to rules - army life, later - even legitimate recreation of any kind.

The reason is this: if we are in the state of grace and thus are sons of God and perform an act not sinful, then we add to God's glory and to our own merit even though we do not explicitly offer up that particular act to God. We may not pause and offer each act deliberately and consciously as do the saints - thus contributing in a far greater manner to God's glory and their own merit. The nearest approach, however, to the saints' wisdom and practice is to say faithfully every day the Morning Offering - tendering to God our works, prayers and suffering of the day by a general offering, a consecration of our day to God.

Then all our acts of the day, our work, agreeable or disagreeable, even our recreation become prayers. They contribute to God's glory. They increase our own merits. They satisfy for our sins thus decreasing our time and pains in Purgatory. We are following St. Paul's advice: "Whether you eat or drink, or whatsoever else you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Cor 10:31)

A Tip to Prospective Service Men.

A graduate of a few years back traveled some 400 miles to Our Lady's campus over the week-end for "a visit to the Grotto and a general confession to get all set for the army," as he expressed it.

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