

From the time I graduated from High School, until just after the turn of the millennium - that is for over twenty years - the slogan "*Be all you (that) you can be,*" was associated with the United States Army.

One of the more difficult things, it would seem, for people in prominent positions in politics and entertainment, is maintaining a sense of "integrity." Integrity, according to the dictionary is, "*the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles*" as well as "*the state of being whole and undivided.*"

In the Gospel, we hear the parable of the dishonest steward. This man most certainly wasn't a man of integrity according to the first definition, however - by the second definition, he most certainly was "*all that he could be*" in terms of dishonesty. When he's caught being dishonest, he hurries up and is even more dishonest to try to make things better for himself in the future.

St. Paul, in the First Reading, tells his readers that he is:

*convinced about [them],
that [they] are full of goodness,
filled with all knowledge, and able to admonish one another.*

He speaks about his confidence that the Christian community is "*all that it can be*". Namely that they fulfill both definitions of integrity - namely they are "*honest and moral*" and are "*whole and undivided*".

Both of these criteria are necessary to be a good person.

Our Lord, in the parable of the dishonest steward, points out that

*the children of this world
are more prudent in dealing with their own generation
than the children of light.*

In other words, that evil individuals are more deeply committed to evil than good people seem to be committed to good.

As we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, let us ask God for the grace to be filled with His Holy Spirit, to be people of integrity, and to "*be all that we can be*" in regards to our commitment to the Gospel.