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„We are on earth to serve God and to thus get to heaven.“

You should know this

The questions raised concerning the things that matter in the end are always: **Man, where from - whereto? What are my life's purpose and sense?** We went away from God and are now on our way back to our parental home. **Who am I and what am I?** I'm a child of God, created as a pure spirit. I'm a spiritual being which has his homeland in heaven. **Why and for what am I on earth?** As a disobedient spirit, I was thrown down from heaven with many other angels. After a long time, I received, out of great love from God, the grace of becoming a human being in order to purify my soul in the school of life and to be faithful to God. The Parable of the Prodigal Son reveals the complete truth to you and strikes you with certainty of forgiveness.

It is our **life task** to open up to what is light and positive, to refine ourselves, to pass on the love received from God to our fellow men, to integrate again into God's harmony. As **counselling** we have received the Bible, the Ten Commandments and the religious life

praxis. **At the Work of St. Michael** we are furthermore lovingly guided by the revelations from heaven and Paul's teaching, as well as granted immeasurable graces. **God's temple** is a high place of encounter between God and men, a forecourt to heaven. In the Holy Eucharist Jesus sacrifices himself for us and comes into our hearts during Holy Communion.



Earth is the field of tension between good and evil. In order to prove ourselves in what is good, we

constantly need to work on ourselves. It is of central importance **to fill our soul with good content**: Don't search for heaven anywhere, but within yourself. The soul is the gate to heaven! We are spiritual beings, incarnated in a fading body. **Spirit and soul are immortal**. "Man's heart is restless, until it finds peace in God." More important than eating and drinking for the body **is the nourishment of the soul** with good thoughts and feelings, with noble pictures, noble music. We should think, speak and act noble and pure. We should stay away from what is negative so that the soul isn't burdened and stained. Paul summarizes it: "Strive for what is above." Whoever experiences what is good within himself and understands God's love, can live love of neighbour in thoughts, words and deeds.

Spirit and soul need to be trained, just as success at school demands practice and athletic success requires hard training.

Practicing the good pays off. **The Success beautifies our life already.**

To accept yourself

The second commandment says: "Love your neighbour as yourself." As God's creation we act wisely if we love ourselves and multiply our good qualities. Think about your talents and your good qualities. Write down what is good about you in your faith notebook.

Thoughts are power...

We know from Paul how important constructive thoughts are. In your daily routine, check repeatedly your thoughts towards parents, classmates and other fellow men and adjust them positively with the help of your angels.



Cultivate good thoughts

It is a life task to cultivate good thoughts. Practice this task daily by consciously deliberately sending out positive thoughts. Apply positive thinking especially to the people that you have difficulties with. Paul recommended us the following thoughts: "You and I: We are one. We are God's children."

Paul's life

Ask your parents to tell you about Paul's life.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Read the Parable of the Prodigal Son in the Bible (Luke 15,11).