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I want to reflect today on yesterday's Gospel story -- "Some seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it and it produced no grain." (Mark 4:1-20) How many times do I find myself caught in the midst of thorny bushes? Or how many times am I like that thorny bush itself? Do I find myself caught up in the midst of many cares and needs in this world? There are so many things that I seem to think I need or want. When that happens we fail to produce like we should, and even our prayer-life becomes null and void.

Let's turn to Jesus to ask Him what things I really **need**, not the things I want. We live in a world that seems to remind us of the things that I don't have, and we are constantly made to feel like they are things **we need**. Television and newspapers are filled with advertisements, reminding us of what others have and we don't have. What we should do when that happens is to ask ourselves, in what way would that _____ really make my life better? Would it really make me happier? Or do I just think it would make me happier? If we are truly honest with ourselves, we just **think** it would make me happier. Let's ask God to help us to become truly honest with ourselves when that happens.

May God lead you to know the truth!

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