

Fr. Romeo Evangelista Homily  
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Cycle B

The Magi or wise men remind us that we should be persons of depth. We are superficial when we limit our concerns to what we should wear, eat, or drink. We acquire depth when we involve God in our lives striving to know God's will through a process we call discernment.

You are wise if you involve Jesus in your day-to-day decisions, when you ask his opinion over big and small matters. You want to follow his star, and like the wise men, you become confused and bothered once his star disappears. You cannot live without the light of God; you strive always to see reality under his guidance.

Many of us live empty lives because we do not give God any space in our existence. We remember God only in times of need and want. We pray when we are suffering from severe problems or incurable illnesses, but God remains far from us because we do not involve him in our decision-making. We are so sure of ourselves, we run to God only when we become desperate.

When you decided to get married, for instance, did you bother asking whether God was calling you to the married life? This is discernment. We open our hearts and minds to the mysterious voice of our Creator who gets involved in our lives if we allow him to.

As parents, do you ask God for guidance in the matters of what is good for your children? Do young people even wonder whether God agrees with their career choice or professional route? When we develop the habit of asking God for the decisions we make, especially the big ones, then we become, like the Magi, persons of depth.

When we involve God in our decisions, we will see our lives as completing our God-given mission. We acquire a purpose, a reason for living. We are on our way to happiness. A life

without purpose is empty and sad. When we wake up each morning knowing that we will spend the day doing God's will for us, the warmth of God's light enters our hearts. We become contented and happy. Our day becomes a life celebration.

In this way we become God's manifestation and light to others. Because only men and women of depth can fulfill this purpose. God had revealed Himself through Jesus more than two thousand years ago, as Christians we should become the revelation of His presence and the light that shines in the lives of the people.

Amen