

June 25, 2008
Wednesday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Readings of the day may be found on the following link:

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab>

2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3

Psalms 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40

Matthew 7:15-20

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but underneath are ravenous wolves. By their fruits you will know them.

So by their fruits you will know them.

So what are the fruits of my life by which I am known? That is a scary question to ask. But, if Jesus' words here are to be taken seriously, then it seems to me that I need to take a long loving look at myself as well as the rest of the world. And, an honest look, as well. Can I embrace the good I see as well as the faults? Can I acknowledge the faults without self-condemnation? Can I be humble enough to accept who I am and where I am in this journey of life, knowing that I still have a ways to go, but loving myself as God loves me? Or do I get caught up in unworthiness rather than possibility? What is my prayer? Is it a constant prayer of remorse or an unceasing request for an open heart to see and hear the Word of God? Do I pray that I will be forgiven or that I will learn to love? We get what we pray for and we become what we desire. It seems to me that the fruits of our life just might be determined by the content of our prayer.

Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays.

~Søren Kierkegaard