

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH YOUR LIFE?



As part of discerning your vocation, meditate on this powerful passage from British Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville.

*If you are wondering what to do with your life,
if you feel you want to do something really great with it,
if you don't want to fall into a conventional, self-centered existence,
if you want to help other people in the deepest way possible,
where they most need help,
then think about the service of the Gospel in the priesthood.*

*If you become a priest,
you will never be rich,
you will have to give up the love of a spouse
for the love of everyone you meet;
you will have to give up your family commitments;
you will often be on the move;
you will never have a mortgage;
you will be under obedience to the leader of the Church
just as Jesus was obedient to the will of the Father.*

*But if you are faithful to the ideal of the priesthood,
you will have the deep happiness
which Jesus gives to those who are His friends.*

*One last thing:
you don't have to be perfect to think of being a priest.
Jesus chooses ordinary people, not moral heroes.
You just have to want to serve Him;
He will give you the rest in due course.*

"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe, plans to give you a future full of hope." - Jeremiah 29:11