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Vol. 4 No. 2 – Introduction

In the previous instalments of this feature, we have considered contemporary scenarios and endeavoured to respond to them in a “Christ-like” way. Our best source for the teachings of Christ is to be found in the Scriptures, but these teachings have to be interpreted for the modern context. But first, we must familiarize ourselves with the Scriptures!

In this instalment, we make an interlude.

I offer a **Prayer of Diligent Discipleship** to encourage our study of the Scriptures.

I also offer a **Homily on Dispute Resolution**, inspired by one of the Beatitudes in Matthew, Chapter 5.

In the next instalment, I shall resume the presentation of a scenario and ask you to consider what your response would be – or should be – if you wished to follow a Christ-like life. As always, I shall offer my own response. Will we share the same view?

Feedback is always welcome. Email any feedback to **alan.branford@live.com** by the due date for following issue of the *Sharing the Love* magazine, and please indicate if you wish your comment to be attributed to you or to be anonymous.

Vol. 4 No. 2 – A prayer of diligent discipleship

Let me a simple friar be,
To learn from Christ the way to see
The needs of our humanity,
To act with love accordingly
And serve with true humility.
Let me a simple friar be.

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Vol. 4 No. 2 – Dispute Resolution

I belong to an international society that is organized by regional branches, each of which has several chapters. When you join a chapter of the society, you are informed in very strong terms that you are not to remain in a chapter meeting if there is a member present with which you have a disagreement or harbour feelings of animosity. You are advised to seek out that member privately and invite them to discuss the cause of this situation. Only if you are able to agree on a solution are you both able to attend a chapter meeting. Until such time, one or both of you should refrain from attending chapter meetings. You may call upon the counsel of a senior member of the chapter for mediation.

Matthew 5:9 (New International Version)

*⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.*

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