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Jesus said to his disciples: "And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

(Luke 12: 8-12)

Sloth, or laziness, makes us hesitant to do God's will. It is one of the deadly vices. When slothful, those who have received gifts from God tend to hide and keep them for themselves, without putting them at the service of the Church and neighbour. Slothful persons behave like this so as not to expose themselves too much for God's sake and, thus, prefer to live a quiet life in the world and with the world. Jesus, on the other hand, urges us to always bear witness to Him in our words and deeds, because he never forgets us. Are you certain that God is with you at all times? Do you feel His presence?