

Questions for chapter 12: Humility and Magnanimity against Pride, Vainglory and Envy

1. Define humility. What is magnanimity? How are the two related? (page 157-160)
2. As we advance in the stages of the spiritual life, Jesus calls us transcend self and place to trust in him. What happens when we get the call? When we're called to holiness, which virtue steps forward? How do we advance in this love union with God? (page 161-164)
3. Once we are justified by Grace, how does perseverance manifest itself? How are emotions and fickleness of the will related? What is the root of all sin? How is this related to a failure to grow in the spiritual life? What are the basics to advance in the spiritual life? (page 164; 164-166; 166; 166-168; 168-170)
4. What are some pitfalls as we advanced to a higher degree of charity? What does St. Thomas mean when he says we must have a "preparation of mind and heart"? What are two of the main vices that undermine readiness of mind and heart? How do we prepare our mind and heart/ fulfill the law of spiritual life concerning preparatio animi (foster devotion) ? (page 170-173; 173-174; 176-178; 179-182)