

[26] of any value that I own, than to disgrace my Baptism." He went at once to the Father who had baptized him, to ask him what he should do to his heart that wished to be wicked. The Father was greatly edified at his goodness. May God bless all who by their prayers, or by their aid, cause the rain to fall from Heaven on this new vine. Verily, it bears good fruit.

A young Savage, recently married, felt tempted to leave his wife, and the thought caused him deep sorrow. The Devil pictures to him the delight of changing a wife whom one hates for another whom one loves. His good Angel shows him that the restraint exercised in this life is rewarded by happiness throughout eternity. He remembers the word that he has plighted to God and to his wife; he wishes to be faithful, but, nevertheless, he feels himself inclined toward infidelity. He goes to his Director, and begs him to find some remedy against his temptation, which he regards as a great sin. The Father takes him before the Blessed Sacrament, and makes him pray to God. He asks that his Confession be heard. Great tears fall from his eyes. The mere idea of changing [27] his wife seems to him so great a crime that he entreats to be sent to prison and to be put in a dungeon, or to be publicly flogged. Seeing his request refused, he slips into a room near the Chapel, and, with a rope that he finds, he beats himself so hard all over the body that the noise reaches the ears of the Father, who runs in and forbids so severe a penance. The Devil, who loves not the spirit of mortification, soon left him, and his temptation vanished.

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