

**“Then fear came
upon all, and they
glorified God,
saying, ‘A great
prophet has risen
up among us’”**

Luke 7:16



□ Miracles are not the most important factor for people to believe

- Their impact does not last long:
 - Crossing the Red Sea
 - Elijah on Mount Carmel
- False prophets can also perform miracles
- “But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’” *Luke 16:31*



❑ Emotions are not the determining element in maintaining a relationship

- Emotions do not last long either
- They cloud the vision
- Relationships are maintained through perseverance and maturity

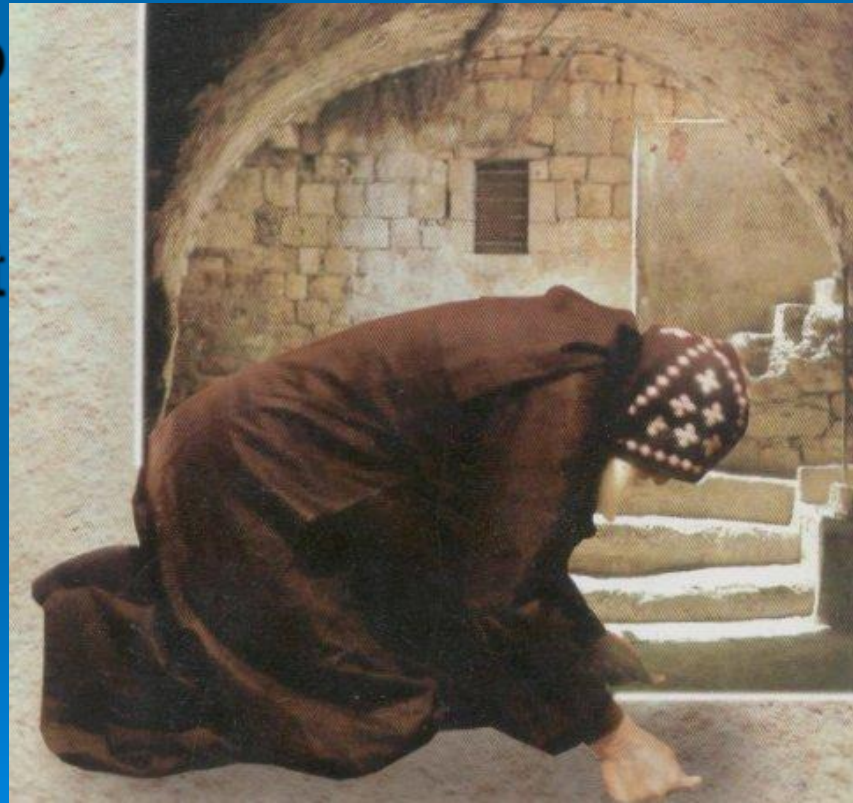


❑ Talking is not the most convincing tool in teaching or conveying a message

- “These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me”

Matthew 15:8

- The story of the monk and his silence



❑ Money does not solve problems, produce happiness or lead us to the virtue of giving

- Money is a master that usually enslaves those who seek richness
- True happiness is in being content; money does not teach contentment.
- If I cannot give while I am in need, I will not be able to give when I have plenty.



❑ Old age does not necessarily bring wisdom and the fear of God

- “Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, ‘I have no pleasure in them’”

Ecclesiastes 12:1

- What I am doing now will determine the condition of my heart when I am old



❑ Repeated experiences do not automatically lead us to learn something

- The example of Samson
- The example of the Pharisee in the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee

