

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S BEST PREACHING

What we say, people forget, what we do they remember.

Example is more efficacious than preaching

Our words and our works should tally

It's easy to preach, hard to practice.

Actions speak louder than words

One day, St. Francis of Assisi told one of his brothers:

“Brother, will you come to morrow with me to the town of Assisi to preach the Gospel of Jesus?” Brother, was very happy to be chosen by Francis to go out with him to preach Christ to the people.

Next day, early morning, Francis and the Brother left their Convent. I walked to Assisi. Once in the town, Francis, went around and around, walking through every street and alley, visiting the slums, talking friendly to one and all., cheering the sad, visiting the sick. Playing with the children, visiting the jail and giving one all words of encouragement.

When evening came Brother was wondering when would they start preaching the Gospel to the people. At sunset, Francis told brother, “Now my Brother,, let us go home and thank God for the day and the good He allowed us do to the people”

In disappointment, Brother said: “But, Brother Francis, when shall we begin preaching?? We haven't yet started!”

Francis replied, “Dear Brother, if what we did today was not preaching the Gospel, tell me what was it? Example, brother, example is what we have to give to the people, not just plain beautiful words!”