

“...go and tell him his fault between you and him ...alone.”

(This will be ‘short & sweet!’—KISS—Keep It Short [stupid] & sweet)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Once upon a time, there were three, little devils. They were apprentices and, this day, was going to be their first day for ‘on the job training.’ Their instructor gathered them together and asked each, little devil what his ‘plan of attack’ would be.

The 1st one said: **“I think I’ll use the classical approach. I’ll tell people:
‘There is no God, so sin up a storm and enjoy life.’ ”**

The 2nd one said: **“I think I’ll use a more subtle approach. I’ll tell people:
‘There is no hell, so sin up a storm and enjoy life.’ ”**

The 3rd one said: **I think I’ll use a less intellectual approach. I’ll tell people:
‘There’s no hurry, so sin up a storm and enjoy life.’ ”**

So, **“What are we to take from this?”** you ask.
Well, naturally ...**I am glad you asked that question!**

As Jesus said in today’s Gospel, which I just read to you from St. Matthew:

“We are to be the light of the world”

...and are even to correct our brother/sister in private...

AFTER we have taken the log from our own eye, I might add.

If, in fact, we **ARE** to be **‘the light of the world’** and give good example to those around us by **‘putting our light on a stand,’** we’d best ...get ...to it! I mean:

If there are ‘fences to be mended,’ we should get to the ‘mending.’

If there are ‘apologies to be made,’ we should get to the ‘apologizing.’

If there are ‘forgivenesses to be given,’ we should get to the ‘forgiving.’

*And another thing we are we to take from all this ...**it may well be later than any of us think!***

I close with this prayer:

**Lord, give us the wisdom to know what to do,
the skill to know how to do it,
and the courage to actually do it!
Amen.**

*May our ever-present and all merciful God, our Abba, bless you,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*