

casting it? Do they want to convert souls to follow Christ, or to have a personal following and win renown as a learned person? It is curious that many want to imitate the Doctors of the Church in their learning and polemics, but few strive to imitate their holy and penitential lives of self denial. The quickest way to save a soul is not by traveling to the uttermost ends of the earth, or by jumping on a lecture circuit and delivering a series of talks, but by a life of earnest interior prayer, mortification, and penance. If we strive to be interiorly united with God as the Curé of Ars or Padre Pio were, for example, we will, by our very presence, more than by the cacophony of our words, raise others spiritually and bring them closer to God. ☐



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