

# BERNARDINE OF SIENA - 1380-1444

## STUDY QUESTIONS



Scripture: Various

### Justice and Being a Rector

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#### 1. What does it mean to "administer justice" in your own life?

- *Application:* How can we embody fairness and integrity in our personal decisions, whether at home, in the workplace, or in our communities?
- *Challenge:* Discuss how personal biases might influence our sense of justice and what steps we can take to avoid them.

#### 2. How does Bernardine's emphasis on divine law versus human law resonate with modern issues of justice?

- *Application:* Identify areas in today's legal or social systems where human law might contradict moral principles, and discuss how we can reconcile these differences in our approach to justice.
- *Challenge:* What role does faith play in informing our understanding of what is just or unjust?

#### 3. Bernardine warned against corruption and partiality in leadership. How can we cultivate leadership that upholds justice in today's society?

- *Application:* Consider examples from modern politics, business, or church leadership. How can leaders today avoid the pitfalls Bernardine warned against?
- *Challenge:* As followers or participants in society, how can we hold leaders accountable to just standards?

#### 4. Bernardine focused on justice benefiting the common good. How do you understand the concept of the "common good" in your community?

- *Application:* Reflect on how decisions that prioritize the common good might look different from those that prioritize individual gain. What practical steps can we take to make justice serve the greater good in our communities?
- *Challenge:* Identify a current issue in your community that could be addressed by focusing on justice for the common good rather than individual interests.

**5. What practical ways can you ensure that justice in your personal relationships reflects God's mercy and love?**

- *Application:* Discuss situations where balancing justice with mercy is difficult. How can we model God's justice in a way that also offers grace and forgiveness?
- *Challenge:* Think of a situation in your life where you struggled to administer justice in a merciful way. What did you learn, and how might you approach it differently now?

Notes

## **Feedback**

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