

# BERTHOLD OF REGENSBURG

1220-1272

## STUDY QUESTIONS



Scripture: Various

### TRICKS OF TRADE

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1. **Christian Integrity in Work and Trade:** Berthold condemns deceit in various professions, urging workers to be honest and diligent. How can Christians ensure they maintain integrity and transparency in their own professions? What challenges might arise, and how can they address these while remaining true to their values?
2. **Anger and Righteous Indignation:** Berthold's tone conveys frustration and even anger toward societal injustices and the moral decay he observes. When might anger be a just response to wrongdoing, and how can we distinguish righteous indignation from personal resentment? In what ways does Scripture guide us in channeling anger constructively?
3. **Dealing with Corruption and Deceit:** The sermon addresses deceit in various trades, comparing it to spiritual decay. How should Christians respond when they witness or experience dishonesty or corruption, whether in commerce, politics, or other areas of life? How can they uphold justice and honesty without becoming discouraged by the prevalence of such issues?
4. **Caring for the Vulnerable:** Berthold warns of the exploitation of the poor and vulnerable, comparing them to fish who are "naked and helpless." How can we, as citizens and Christians, advocate for those who may be exploited or marginalized in today's society? What practical steps can we take to defend those who are vulnerable?
5. **Reflection on Personal Accountability and Community:** Berthold urges people to examine their actions, noting that sins like deceit, theft, and exploitation harm both individuals and communities. How does personal accountability contribute to the health of a community? In what ways can we support one another in resisting the temptations of greed, deceit, and anger?

## Notes

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