

It is not hard to put up with others' foibles when one realizes how much God has to put up with from us. (F 8)

The night of the Last Supper the Apostles were quarreling as to who would have the first place at table among themselves. Our Blessed Lord then got down on His knees, washed their feet and wiped them with a towel. How few there are who ever fight for the towel. (TL 81)

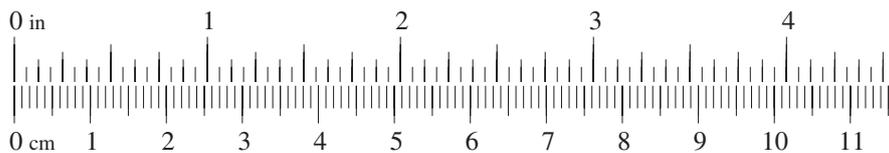
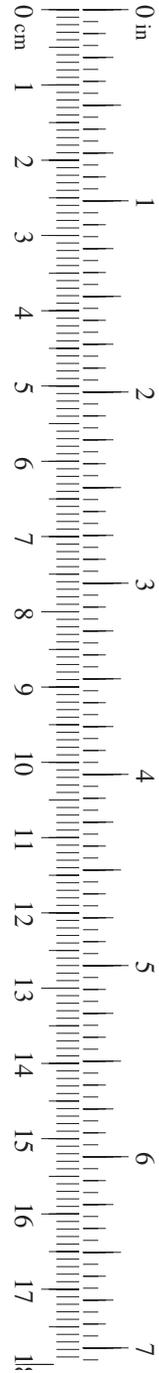
If we were God, we would have no need of loving anything else, for love would find its perfection within itself, as in God. We must love others because we are imperfect; it is the mark of our indigence, a reminder that we came from nothingness, and that of and by ourselves love is incomplete and sterile. (F 97)

The humble person makes room for progress; the proud person believes he is already there. (F 157)

Humans could not be independent of God any more than a ray of sunlight could be independent of the sun. The absolute independence of the ray would mean its destruction, for it is only by being dependent on the sun that it survives. So it is with us in our relation with God. (F 165)

In contrast to the pride of those who deny their guilt to escape self-criticism is the humility of God, Who made a world which added not to His glory and then made man to criticize Him. (P 64)

Character building should not be based solely on the eradication of evil, for it should stress, even more, the cultivation of virtue. Mere asceticism without love of God is pride; it is possible to concentrate so hard on humiliating ourselves that we become proud of our humility. (F 222)



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