

“Through Pondo ng Pinoy, through the living out of the Theology of the Crumbs, may we find grace to see God in the everyday choices of our life; in the small, seemingly insignificant acts we do sa araw-araw na ginawa ng Diyos.”

Luis Antonio Cardinal G. Tagle, D.D.  
Chairman Emeritus, Pondo ng Pinoy  
Community Foundation Inc.

## Four Pillars of Pondo ng Pinoy

### Small Acts

"Crumbs" o "mumo" - any small acts of kindness, including the savings of as little as 25 centavo coins in Pondo ng Pinoy bottles for the poor.

### Done Regularly

Acts of kindness when done frequently, become a virtue, a habit, a way of life.

### Rooted in the Love of God and Neighbor

Giving out of love - pure intention - inspired by the life of Jesus especially his works for the poor.

### Empowering Communities

Efforts must help uplift the lives and dignity of poor and marginalized families and communities. Nakakapagpanibago ng kanilang buhay at kalagayan.



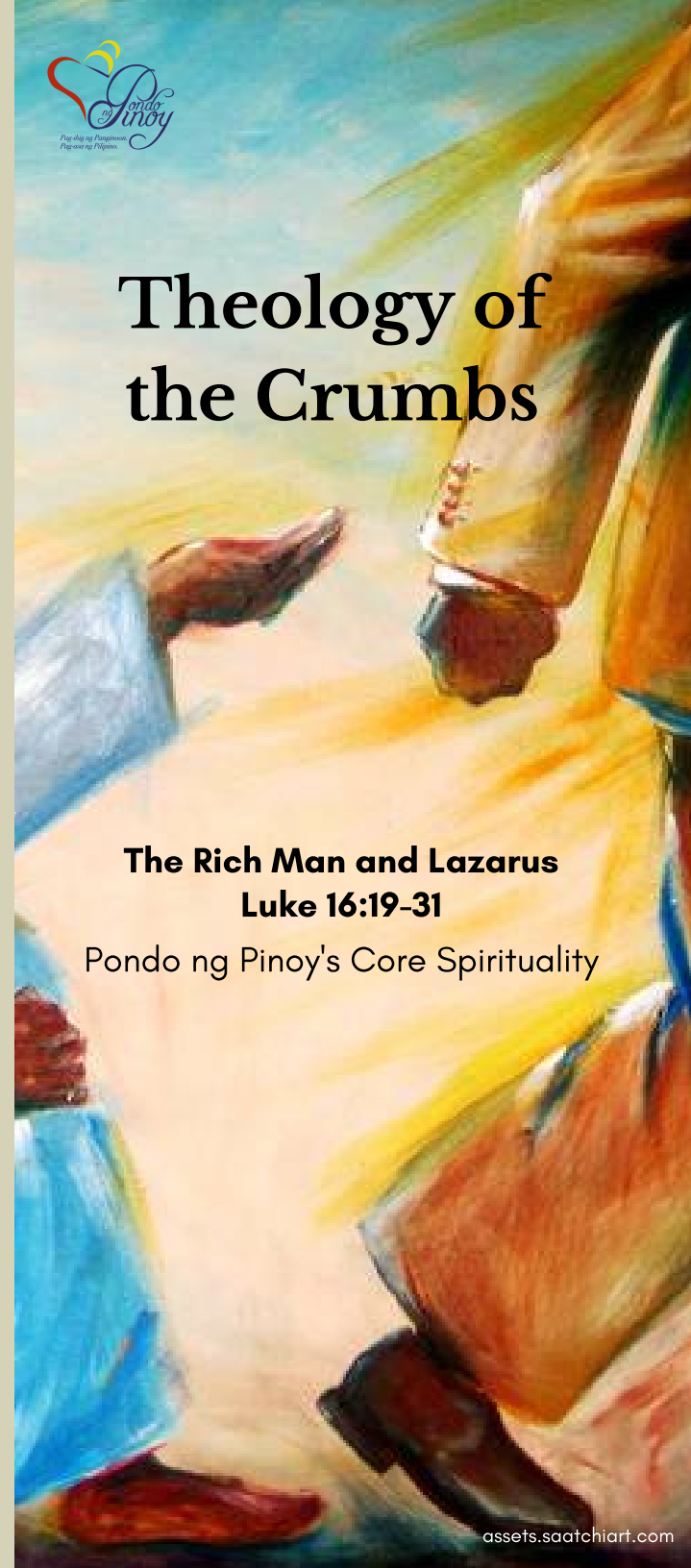
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# Theology of the Crumbs

## The Rich Man and Lazarus Luke 16:19-31

Pondo ng Pinoy's Core Spirituality





“No one is allowed to give even just 25 centavos if it is not out of love.”

Archbishop Gaudencio B. Rosales, D.D.  
Founder, Pondo ng Pinoy Community  
Foundation Inc.

Archbishop Rosales emphasizes that Pondo ng Pinoy is not precisely to collect money, but an evangelization approach aimed at formation of the individual.

The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus describes the symptoms of a sick faith that we may all be experiencing. Pondo ng Pinoy offers three "cures" to this sick faith and encourages everybody to live out the "Pondo ng Pinoy way of life," its Four Pillars.

## Three Symptoms of a Sick Faith

### **Ekonomiya ng Pagkamkam o**

#### **The Politics of Affluence**

- The Rich Man is dressed in the finest clothes, had plenty of food every day all the days of his life.
- Ang mga may kaya sa buhay ay nasanay na sa ganitong lifestyle.
- Ang mahalaga sa kanila ay magkaroon pa ng mas marami—more cars, more profits at iba pang materyal na bagay.
- Ang nais ay magkamkam lamang para sa sarili at hindi na iniisip ang pangangailangan ng kapwa.

### **Politika ng Pagkamanhid o**

#### **The Politics of Marginalization**

- The Rich Man ignored Lazarus, who is covered with wounds and prayed for crumbs that fell from the Rich Man's table.
- Because the Rich Man was already comfortable in his lifestyle, he no longer accounted for Lazarus – manhid na sa nangyayari sa paligid.
- Dahil sa pagkamanhid, lalong lumalaki ang agwat ng mga mayayaman at makapangyarihan sa mga mahihirap, na nagdudulot din ng pagsasawalang-halaga sa mga tunay na relasyon at sa dignidad ng mga maliliit na tao.

### **Ang Relihiyon ng Itinagong Diyos o**

#### **The Religion of Alienation**

- The Rich Man experienced great pain in hell and implored Abraham to take pity on him and his brothers. He called on God because he needed God. But while still alive it was as if God did not exist.
- Ang ating pananampalataya ay maaaring hindi tumatagos sa ating pang-araw-araw na buhay. Hindi ito naisasaalang-alang sa mga desisyon natin sa politika, ekonomiya, lipunan, maging sa pamilya.
- Para bang hindi buhay ang presensya ng Diyos sa ating lifestyle.

## Three "Cures" of a Sick Faith

### **Magtiwala sa Diyos**

- If we genuinely love God as we say, so must we also trust Him with our needs.
- Pondo ng Pinoy encourages everyone and anyone to “let go” and share our blessings, starting with “crumbs” o “mumo,” mga maliliit na kabutihan para sa kapwa.
- Do little acts of kindness, instead of allotting all our time on worrying, accumulating, and earning.

### **Pagmamahal at Pagmamalasakit**

- First challenge: “letting go.”
- Second challenge: purification of intentions.
- Ang mahalaga ay hindi kung ano o magkano ang itutulong sa kapwa kundi bakit tutulong sa kapwa. Ano ang intensyon ng pagtulong?
- Ito ay nararapat na nagmumula sa tunay na pagmamahal at pagmamalasakit.

### **Pagkilala sa Buhay na Diyos na**

#### **Kumikilos sa Ating Buhay**

- Mahalagang babad tayo sa presensiya ng Diyos sa ating pang-araw-araw ng buhay—ang kanyang katuruan at halimbawa na nakikita sa ating kilos at salita.
- Ang pagkilala sa Diyos ay pagkilala din sa kanyang presensiya sa sangnilika tulad ng ating kapwa at sangkalikasan.
- Kung paano natin itinuturing ang kapwa at kapiligiran ay reflection ng pagiging babad natin sa Diyos.
- And with this comes a lifestyle of tiwala sa Diyos, at pagmamahal at pagmamalasakit sa kapwa.
- Ang presensiya ng Diyos ay nagtuturo na magtatag ng "civilization of love."