

A Brother Who Is Sent Out on Some Business

by St. Benedict of Nursia

A brother sent out on a mission must have permission from the Abbot before eating, and disobedience will result in excommunication.

Scripture: Ephesians 6:5, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 5:5

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Description

St. Benedict of Nursia emphasizes the importance of obedience and humility in following the rules of the monastery. He instructs that a brother sent out on business must not eat outside the monastery without permission, even if urged by others, to maintain discipline and respect for authority. Disobedience in this matter is considered severe, leading to excommunication as a consequence.

Transcript

A Brother who is sent out on some business and is expected to return to the monastery that same day shall not presume to eat while he is out, even if he is urgently requested to do so by any person whomsoever, unless he has permission from his Abbot. And if he acts otherwise, let him be excommunicated.

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