



Daily Reflection

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Scripture

Matthew 25: 14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability.

Then he went away.

Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five.

Likewise, the one who received two made another two.

But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

After a long time

the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them.

The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five.

He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents.

See, I have made five more.'

His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant.

Since you were faithful in small matters,

I will give you great responsibilities.

Come, share your master's joy.'

Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said,

'Master, you gave me two talents.

See, I have made two more.'
His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.'
Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said,
'Master, I knew you were a demanding person,
harvesting where you did not plant
and gathering where you did not scatter;
so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground.
Here it is back.'
His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant!
So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant
and gather where I did not scatter?
Should you not then have put my money in the bank
so that I could have got it back with interest on my return?
Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten.
For to everyone who has,
more will be given and he will grow rich;
but from the one who has not,
even what he has will be taken away.
And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside,
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus taught His disciples in today's Gospel text about the nature of discipleship. True disciples are good stewards. Because we are loved, God entrusts each person with gifts (talents). While we await the Lord's glorious return at the end of time, we are called to produce a harvest with our gifts. God trusts us to do so and will hold us accountable for what we produced.

Food for your Journey

Behold the turtle. It moves forward only by sticking its neck out.

—James Bryant Conant, thanks to Dave Bean.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You love me and entrust me with wonderful gifts to be used for Your glory and praise. Help me to use these gifts wisely so that I may produce a rich harvest for You. Amen.