



Daily Reflections

October 25, 2017

Scripture

Luke 12: 39-48

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Be sure of this:

if the master of the house had known the hour
when the thief was coming,

he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be prepared,

for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Then Peter said,

"Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?"

And the Lord replied,

"Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward
whom the master will put in charge of his servants
to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?

Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so.

Truly, I say to you, he will put him
in charge of all his property.

But if that servant says to himself,

'My master is delayed in coming,'

and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants,
to eat and drink and get drunk,

then that servant's master will come

on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour

and will punish the servant severely

and assign him a place with the unfaithful.

That servant who knew his master's will

but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will

shall be beaten severely;

and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will

but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating

shall be beaten only lightly.

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much,

and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

Our Scripture Reflection

"More will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.": Each of us has been entrusted with many simple and precious gifts, especially the gift of time. While we are here on earth we are expected to produce abundant fruit through the use of time. When our time ends in this life, we will be asked by The Lord to give an accounting. By being faithful to the work assigned to each of us, may we be able to respond well to The Lord.

Food for your Journey

A bishop visited a young priest serving a tribe of Native Americans in British Columbia. The bishop knew and loved this tribe, and enjoyed their feasting and dancing. At the end of his visit he tried to describe his feelings to the priest.

"Always when I leave the village," the bishop said slowly, "I try to define what it means to me, why it sends me back to the world refreshed and confident. Always I fail. It is so simple, it is difficult. When I try to put it into words, it comes out one of those unctuous, over-pious platitudes at which bishops are expected to excel."

They both laughed.

"But when I reach here and see the great scar where the inlet side [of the river] shows its bones, for a moment I know."

"What, my lord?" [asked the priest].

"That for me it has always been easier here, where only the fundamentals count, to learn what every man must learn in this world."

"And that, my lord?"

"Enough of the meaning of life to be ready to die."

--Margaret Craven, *I Heard the Owl Call*

My Name (New York: Doubleday &

Company, Inc., 1973), 149-150.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Your love me and trust me to do Your good work while I am in this life. Help me, Lord, to be a good and faithful steward. May all of my efforts be found pleasing to You. Amen.