



Daily Reflections

October 23, 2018

Scripture

Luke 12: 35-38

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Gird your loins and light your lamps
and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding,
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,
have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.

And should he come in the second or third watch
and find them prepared in this way,
blessed are those servants.”

Our Scripture Reflection

In an age where narcissistic expressions of SELF-esteem are prized the word “servant” is going to sound strange if not derogatory. But Jesus never minces His Holy Words. We are created to be servants of the Lord and stewards of the many gifts He has graciously bestowed upon us. All that we have is meant to be used for God’s glory. AND, at the end of our time on earth as we anticipate facing our Lord in Judgment, we will be asked to give an accounting of what we did with what we have been loaned. What will you have to say???

Food for your Journey

The eyes of the mule are so set that it can see where each of its four feet land. That's why it is the animal of choice for the long trek down Bright Angel Trail to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. In 100 years there has never been a fatal mule accident.

The mules always pass hikers on the outside of the trail. Their feet land very close to the edge. On the way down, the left side is close to danger; on the way up, it is the right. But their remarkable vision enables them to walk safely.

I thought: If my church had that kind of vision we could bear the Christ triumphantly into tomorrow.

-David Steele, "Jesus needs a mule!"

A Prayer from the Heart

Gracious Father, You love me and entrust me with many wonderful gifts, especially the gifts of time and faith. May I never forget that everything I have is on loan. I can lay claim to nothing. Help me to use my time and faith to produce an abundant harvest for Your Kingdom. May I be found worthy one day to enjoy the reward of eternal life with You. Amen