



# Daily Reflections

**October 24, 2018**

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## Scripture

**Luke 12: 38-49**

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."

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

We tend to live as though there is no tomorrow. And although we are meant to enjoy the gift of time that God gives us, it is given to us on loan. Time belongs to Him. Time as we receive it is a gift that once used can not be given back. While time in this life is limited, the life to come will never end. We are called as servants or stewards of the Lord to use our gifts, especially time, wisely and prudently. We will be expected to give an accounting of the use of our time when we face the Lord at our Judgment. May we have a good harvest to show Him on that most important day.

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## **Food for your Journey**

We baby boomers have been a futureless generation, raised in the eternal present of TV and advertising. We have allowed ourselves to be persuaded by ads that teach that if we take good care of ourselves, we will stay healthy. Sick people, hospitals and funerals destroy our illusions of invulnerability. They force us to think of the future.

— Mary Pipher, *Another Country: Navigating the Emotional Terrain of Our Elders* (Riverhead, 2000), 41.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Prayer of St. Ignatius Loyola

Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To

Thee, O lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me. Amen