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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | 1 Thes 5:1-6 | Mt 25:14-30

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In biblical times, a talent was a large unit of currency, equating to over a decade's worth of work. A single talent would be a huge treasure for a master to leave in a servant's care, let alone two or five! As we read this, we marvel at the trust the master places in his servants. Yet we know that God has also entrusted us with much. In marriage, spouses are entrusted with the hearts of one another, as proclaimed in the passage from Proverbs. We know that priests are entrusted with shepherding those in their parishes and communities. Our loving Father places others in roles to care for family members, students, those who are ill. In the work of building his kingdom here on earth, God entrusts us with his greatest treasures – one another.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The talents in the Gospel are coins, but we know that God gives us many good gifts, both physical and spiritual. God expects us to use these gifts, and if we use them in the way he intends, he will surely multiply them. When we live as the people whom God created us to be, we share our gifts and also recognize the gifts of others, thereby returning our gifts to the Lord and building up the Body of Christ. When our interactions with others reveal God's love and encourage them to love others better in return, the love of God multiplies. God's love fills us, flows from us, and ripples out into the world through others. In doing so, we reveal ourselves to be "children of the light" and have hope that we will be welcomed into the eternal joy of heaven.

REFLECT

In order to multiply the love we have been given from our heavenly Father, we must first be mindful of the many treasures with which we have been blessed. What blessings has God entrusted to you? How are you being called to love and care for those closest to you? Spend some time this week reflecting on ways that you are called to steward these treasured relationships and multiply God's love.