

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Gospel text (Mt 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 horizon of eternity and our responsibility over time

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Today, in the parable of the talents our Lord shows that he is not calling us to live a life of comfortable tranquility, but rather to develop our talents. He who lives his life in the light of responsibility of their own eternal life is much more conscious of the importance of each and every day. Time used well for something good is transformed into an object with a long lasting value. Time, we receive from God and as good administrators we should give it back to him well used.

We have to maintain the fruit for it to last. After a certain period of time, buildings, money, books..., disappear. All that remains eternally is the human soul, man created by God for all eternity. The fruits that remain are those that we have sown in the human soul. We must live in the present with view to eternity.

—I ask the Lord to help me to carry these fruits that will always exist. Only in this

way can this valley of tears be transformed into the garden of the Lord.