



THE WORD IS THE QUEEN OF THE WORLD (AUT. 449)

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants to entrust his property to them. He gave five talents of silver to one, then two to another, and one to a third, each one according to his ability; and he went away. He who received five talents went at once to do business with the money and gained another five. The one who received two did the same and gained another two. But the one with one talent dug a hole and hid his master's money. After a long time, the master of those servants returned and asked for a reckoning. The one who received five talents came with another five talents, saying: 'Lord, you entrusted me with five talents, but see I have gained five more with them.' The master answered: 'Very well, good and faithful servant, since you have been faithful in a few things, I will entrust you with much more. Come and share the joy of your master.' Then the one who had two talents came and said: 'Lord, you entrusted me with two talents; I have two more which I gained with them.' The master said: 'Well, good and faithful servant, since you have been faithful in little things, I will entrust you with much more. Come and share the joy of your master.' Finally, the one who had received a talent came and said: 'Master, I know that you are an exacting man. You reap what you have not sown and gather what you have not invested. I was afraid, so I hid your money in the ground. Here, take what is yours.' But his master replied: 'Wicked and worthless servant, you know that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not invested. Then you should have deposited my money in the bank, and you would have given it back to me with interest on my return. Therefore, take the talent from him, and give it to the one who has ten. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who are unproductive, even what they have will be taken from them. As for that useless servant, throw him out into the dark where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



What are talents? It is the strength of one, the authority or the goods that we possess, it is the education and the testimony that we can give ... What does God want from those gifts? It always amazes the great productivity of the saints: they have time for everyone, they do not skimp on prayer, they always find what to give to the needy, they support the impossible thing... But they knew that He does not look for the profitability, but the contemplation of his torrential and overflowing Love, which led them to trust completely... and they were filled with joy for the surprising performance of their lives

IT IS WORD OF GOD (AUT. 450)

REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD



What happened to the one who was afraid? He fell down in a mistake of beginning: although aware of the gift he had received, he did not see the love with which he was given. He heard the voices of the deception: he looked for the safety, he feared suspiciously for his future, he believed that God was someone demanding to whom to render an account.

Thus, we ourselves harden the heart defending our interests and protecting our talents, immersing ourselves in a distressed existence, away from the real happiness of love.

However, grace passes by our side, so close and we do not see it. Actually, we are one step away from blooming. We just need to spend some time contemplating and discovering the talents we have received.

IT IS WORD OF LIFE (AUT. 450)

PRAYER FROM THE GOSPEL

Do not escape from the street, from the struggle, from the fight, so daily. Do not run away from the meeting with others. Do not hide from life between the walls of a temple or the lines of a psalm. Live, believe, fight, love. Give God what is belongs to God. Open your eyes to all the gifts that you have received. May your faith be seen in everything, that everything floods, as a mighty river that feeds history.

