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Daily Reflections



STEWARDSHIP REVISITED!

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From Today's Readings

I myself am convinced about you, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness...

ROMANS 15:14

Those who have never been told of him shall see, and those who have never heard of him shall understand.

ROMANS 15:21

Prepare a full account of your stewardship...

LUKE 16:2

Reflection

In our first reading from Romans, St. Paul is writing from his experiences as a minister of Christ to the Gentiles. He emphasizes that we don't simply speak the Gospel words, we live them. Through God's grace, we are empowered to do the same in our day and time.

I would like to think that St. Paul would be saying the same things about you and me! Are we living the Gospel in our daily lives? What type of witness are we giving? Would the people we encounter say that we are "full of goodness?" It's not that we're out here seeking accolades from others. What St. Paul is doing is expressing his observations of the people who seem to be following the teachings of Jesus. Let us continue this legacy of goodness through how we live and move in the world today.

This final verse in Romans 15:21 is interesting to me. While Paul is speaking of his mission of evangelization, what bubbled up for me was the question, "Are there parts of myself that need evangelizing? Have I walled off God in any way within me? I find these reflective questions beneficial as a gentle "check and balance" of how I'm doing in life.

In Luke, we find the steward of a rich man being asked about his stewardship of the property entrusted to him. We might ask ourselves the same question: how am I stewarding my gifts, talents, and all that I have to build up the Reign of God? Are you and I ready to give an account of the stewardship of our lives before God? How are we using our gifts and talents? Generously or cautiously? Are we squandering any of the gifts we've been given by God? If so, why? How might we turn this around and allow our gifts to flourish for the benefit of others?

Today's readings are another invitation to take seriously our role as stewards of God's gifts. This includes everything that has been entrusted to us – our mission, our relationships, our gifts and talents.

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For Pondering

- Do any parts of yourself need evangelizing because at some point you've "walled off" God in some parts deep within you?
 - Jot down some of your gifts and talents. Then take stock of how readily you are using these gifts and talents. How might you open the floodgates of your gifts and talents to flourish in your daily life?
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For Prayer

*O God who gives us so many gifts and talents
to use for the benefit of others,
give us the grace we need to steward all that you have given us
with generosity and joy.
May we seek to live good and just lives
that contribute to the well-being and flourishing of life for others.
Amen.*

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