

Homily: 33rd Sunday: November 15, 2020

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If proverbs were written today, it would include nurses, teachers, social workers, senators, governors, CEO's in addition to the worthy wife. Needs today are different than they were in the Old Testament.

St. Paul told the Thessalonians and tells us that we are prisoners of the light of the day. We are to stay alert for the many daily comings of the Lord.

Today's gospel challenges us to think about what we bring to God's table. What are my gifts? How will I contribute? If life is potluck, what will I bring?

Instead of seeing what we do have, we obsess over the many ingredients we lack. We think that our gifts may be less obvious than those of others and doubt we can make much with our gifts. Besides, someone more capable is probably bringing it already.

We convince ourselves we have nothing worth sharing and so we don't contribute. Like that talent – burying servant, we are talked out of trying. We hoard and bury; we close ourselves off. In doing so, we mooch from life's table. By taking and failing to give, we feast on the gifts of others yet leave them hungry for what we hoard. Perhaps that is why the master was so upset.

Today, take stock, thank God for your gifts. Ask for God's help to get cooking with them, because the world craves what only you can bring the table.