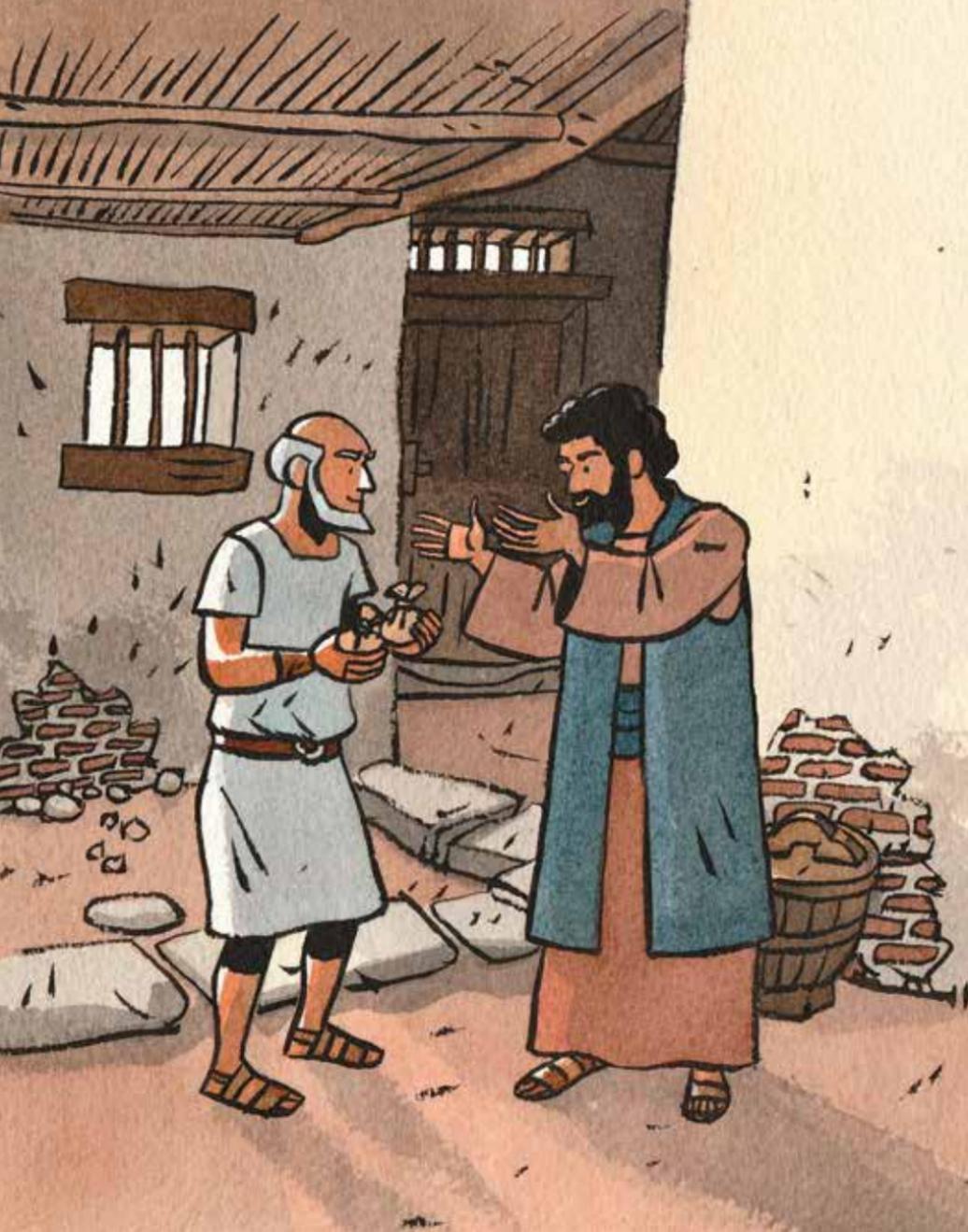


November 15

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31)

When one finds a worthy wife,
her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,
has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains **wool and flax**
and works with loving hands.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her fingers ply the spindle.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her a reward for her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5)**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD,
 who walk in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
 blessed shall you be, and favored. R.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
 in the recesses of your home;

Your children like olive plants
 around your table. R.

Behold, thus is the man blessed
 who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion:
 may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
 all the days of your life. R.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6)

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in **darkness**, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the **light** and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and **sober**.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30)

For the shorter version, omit the indented parts in brackets.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and **faithful** servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’

[Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’ Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.’ His master said to him in reply, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.】’]

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Key Words

The **Book of Proverbs** is a collection of popular sayings and parables filled with advice and wisdom.

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Wool and flax are two natural materials that are used in making cloth and ropes, both of which were very important in ancient households. It was the woman's responsibility to spin the yarn and weave the cloth needed in a home.

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Light is a symbol of everything good and especially of Jesus, who is the Light of the World. **Darkness** represents evil, especially turning away from God.

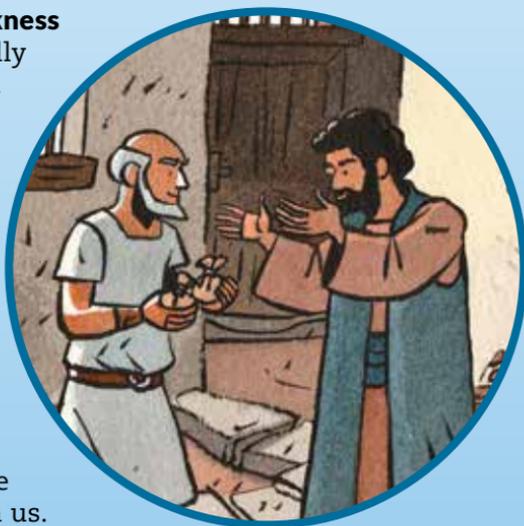
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To live a **sober** life means to do things in moderation, without excess. If we do not live soberly, then we may be too caught up in our own pleasure and will not pay attention to the needs of others or to the Holy Spirit living within us.

The **talents** in the parable are coins that represent the gifts God has given to each one of us: our intelligence, our memory, our capacity for generosity and kindness. These gifts must be used for the good of all.

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To be **faithful** is to be honest and dependable. When someone gives us a task or asks us to keep a secret and we keep our promises, we show that we value that person's friendship.



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