



XXV Sunday 21 September 25 – Cycle C



WE ARE RELIABLE...



SETTING

I invite you to be with Him, live in silence, in encounter.

The word we are about to hear today may be disconcerting. Jesus speaks of an unjust steward who, nevertheless, is praised for his astuteness. It is not his dishonesty that is highlighted, but his ability to react, to find solutions in a difficult situation.

Jesus uses this provocative parable to pose a decisive question: whom do we truly serve? God or money?

Let us examine our personal and communal choices from the heart, so as not to fall into the trap of idolatry that enslaves us, but rather to place our trust in the God of Love.

SONG. YOU FAITHFUL

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CxOljsO3cKg&list=RDCxOljsO3cKg&start_radio=1

GOSPEL – Luke 16, 1-13

" He also said to his disciples: "There was a rich man who had a manager whom they accused before him of wasting his possessions; he called him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you can no longer be manager.' The manager said to himself, 'What will I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I cannot dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that when I am removed from the management, people will welcome me into their houses.' So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 'A hundred measures of oil,' he replied. 'Take your bill,' he told him, 'sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And you, how much do you owe?' 'A hundred measures of wheat,' he said. He said to him: "Take your receipt and write eighty." "The master praised the unjust steward because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the children of light. "I tell you: Make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails, they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? "No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. "You cannot serve God and Money." The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed Him. And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God. "The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the Good News of the Kingdom of God is proclaimed, and everyone is forcing their way into it."

To deepen the Word today (*Marie-Noëlle THABUT*)

Amos 8,4-7 is a prophet and not a revolutionary. He speaks in the name of the Lord. He cannot tolerate that the poor become poorer each day, victims of the ambition of the rich.

Psalms 112. He who lifts up the weak and rescues the poor from their misery is like the Lord his God.

I Tim 2,1-8. En In the liturgy particularly, the prayer of thanksgiving and intercession must come directly from everyday life, universal. This prayer is

addressed to God "through Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord", in whose eyes each one is precious.precioso.

Luke 16, 1-13. Este This text holds a great surprise for us: Apparently, Jesus congratulates the scammers! "However, if the Master praised that unjust steward, it was because he proved to be very skilled..." But those who listen do not err because Jesus refers to him as a "scammer," that is, unjustly cunning, and in those times, just as in ours, honesty was part of basic morality. The truth is that Jesus had no intention of going against the principles of custom. On the other hand, Jesus takes care to specify that the master of the steward congratulates him because of his skill. If Jesus uses this somewhat provocative example, it is to make us reflect on something very serious, and the last phrase he says explains it to us. **we have to choose, and it is urgent,** between God and Money: "you cannot serve both God and Money at the same time." Furthermore, Jesus establishes a series of oppositions: between the children of this world and the children of light, between small matters and great ones, between deceptive Money and true good, between goods that are not ours and our own good. All these oppositions have only one objective: to help us discover that Money is deceptive and that dedicating one's life to 'amassing money' is a false path. This is as serious as the idolatry that the prophets fought against so vehemently. There is no doubt that in the phrase 'You cannot serve both God and Money simultaneously,' the word 'serve' has a religious connotation: There is only one God, do not make yourselves idols. **because all kinds of idolatry makes you slaves! It is not the lack of honesty that Jesus admires but the skill: What are we waiting for to find clever solutions that ensure the future for everyone?...**

Clues for prayer

- Who does your heart follow, God, money...?
- In a moment of prayer, share your preferences with Jesus.
- Our community, parish..., who do they show they follow in their choices?



AMBIENTAL MUSIC.

Ben Rusch - "Time"

<https://youtu.be/zVeWERfwCP8?si=l15xdmLJ5VQxytGy>

Andrea Vanzo - Soulmate (Official Video)

https://youtu.be/b7OyPg5JBnQ?si=tiHT1eeRXMQneg_o

It's not about money, IT'S ABOUT LIFE

Señor, tú conoces Lord, you know our hearts, you know what we value most and whom we serve in secret. Deliver us from the traps of money, from the ambition that divides, and from the indifference that kills. Grant us the creativity of good, the courage to always choose You, and the freedom to serve our brothers as a sign of Your Kingdom. May our communities not worship power or wealth, but be places of justice, tenderness, and hope for all. Make us ingenious in love, daring in solidarity, capable of transforming the small into a seed of the Kingdom. May our faithfulness in the everyday, in

the simple and hidden, be the foundation of a great trust that You never disappoint. And when the time comes to leave, let us not be received by the accumulated gold, but by the grateful faces of those with whom we shared life. Teach us, Lord, to have open hands to share what we are and not just what we have. May the Gospel be our wealth, fraternity treasure, and solidarity, our way of life. Make us servants of one Lord, faithful to your Word, free before idols, and happy in the choice for You and your love, infinite and concrete.

SONG. Lord i offer my life to you

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