

Celebrating Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019...

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Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Knowledge and Privilege always Bring Responsibility

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The gospel passage of the day draws our attention to the life as a true disciple of Jesus. He narrates this through the parable of the master and the steward. Master always expects the steward to be responsible and faithful. But Jesus refers in the passage about the wise and faithful steward and unfaithful steward. Wise and faithful stewards never will do anything to please the master but he always does his duty with commitment. So he has nothing to fear about the arrival of the master. But the unwise steward always pretends to be perfect before the master and lazy and loose in his absence.

Jesus is also gives a warning to those who are privileged. Much will be expected from the one who knows more. Deliberate avoidance of one's own duty and responsibility is a serious crime before Jesus. When one is lazy in spite of the fact that much is expected of him, he is liable for punishment.

God our Father is always watching over us every moment of our life. In fact in spirituality there is no time when the master is away. He is always watching over us. There is no relaxation or holiday from being Christian or the followers of Christ. The point of Jesus is really valid when he presents the unwise steward who thinks, "My master will take a long time to come back." We all have a tendency to keep everything for tomorrow. But we will not have the opportunity tomorrow if we spoil it today. The best method of Satan is to make us think that there is still more time to repent or to become faithful. As we succumb to this temptation of setting aside our responsibilities to tomorrow, there will come a day when that tomorrow never happens. What we have is the present. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery. So let us use today's opportunities given to us. Let us not pretend to be holy before others. Let us not put on fake holiness. Let us be reminded that the eyes of the master will never blink. All our words, thoughts and actions are before the master. So there is nothing to be done in secret. No secret time for relaxation and self-interest. The master observes everything.

I learned driving only after reaching Ghana. But the initial months when I was helping a local priest in his parish. There were 18 substations. So I had to travel by motorbike to different stations for the mass. One day I had set the mass kit at the back of the motorbike and was about to move. Then immediately my parish priest reminded me to wear the helmet. I told him that on way to the substation I would not meet any police checking. So I would not carry. But he insisted saying 'the helmet is not for them but for you.' Then I carried it with me. When I returned from the substation he told me we should be the people of principles. Our principles should not be influenced if no one to check on us.

Today the Lord demands from us a greater faithfulness because we all are privileged people and know our Master's mind well. Let us be wise stewards who never fail in our responsibilities.

How blessed we be, if we are vigilant and ready, at the arrival of the master!!!!

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