

**LUKE 12: 39-48**

## **ACCOUNTABILITY**

**“Much will be required of the person entrusted with much and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more”. To whom much is given much will be expected.**

**Our gospel is one that has caused me to be frightened on many occasions. It is about accountability, my accountability and your accountability.**

**Have you taken stock of the gifts you have been given or are you still worried about those you don't have? Do we count our blessings not our woes? Do we truly realize that nothing we have is ours; everything is gift, even and especially our very life?**

**Our gospel reminds us of another scripture Matthew 13: 12, “To anyone who has, more will be given, and he will grow**

**rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away”.**

**Both of these scriptures describe our spiritual journey, our relationship with God, his expectations and how it works. It is really quite simple. We have many resources at our disposal, all gifts: our life, our talents, knowledge, energy, passion, our time, and most important of all God’s active presence in our life, His guiding and helping us.**

**Our gospel tells us that God has expectations of us. We have all asked ourselves, why has God given me the gifts that He has, what does he want of me? I think that all that is our Catholic Faith, Jesus’ coming, all of scripture come down to one simple answer to our question; God wants us to be His love in our world. We are to use all that we have been given to further His kingdom, act as His friend, to be His love in our**

**world. Our gospel is not simply about the use of our wealth and possessions, but about the use of our life. What are we about, are we about ourselves, or are we about God.**

**Matthew 13: 12 tell us what happens on our spiritual journey if we don't meet God's expectations of how we use our life. The more we incorporate God's gifts into our becoming His love in the world, even more gifts will be given to us. If we do not use His gifts, to become His love, then the gifts we have will be taken away. In other words if we don't use them we lose them.**

**The reason our gospel is frightening is because God's expectations seem so clear, we are left with no room to rationalize, or claim we don't know. We beat ourselves up, we forget how much God really loves us and that our spiritual life is a journey, we will always be a work in progress. Until we die**

**we will always be becoming. We fail to realize that we are not called to perfection, we are all called to love. The love we give and share is a measure of our holiness.**

**We know that we could do better; we struggle with ourselves our self-centeredness. There seems to be a tension between our will, our desire for all that life has to offer and our perception of God's will and expectations. But because of God's love for us, this doesn't have to be. By becoming God's love in our world today more than we were yesterday we will be growing into having truly all that life has to offer. God loves us enough to wait for us to grow.**