

Lectio Divina

- **Read and re-read**, out loud and slowly the Gospel
- **Meditate** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
- **Pray** - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition
- **Action** – Call to change / to act / to do

November 13th 2011 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time – Year A – Matthew 25:14-30

In this Sunday's gospel we find Jesus very annoyed at what some people have done with their talents. The property in the gospel is God's precious gifts intended to be multiplied and be life giving for all. He warns against feeling that their talents are not just their possessions to do with what they like. Jesus invites us all to get up off our butts and stop feeling sorry for ourselves because if we bury the talent we have we will lose it.

How do we use the talents given to each one of us? Do we bury them in the ground and let them die or do we trust in Jesus and with his help go out and use them for the good of all. We will see them grow a hundred fold.

Prayer:

Lord we thank you for the people who help others to gain more trust in themselves and in you. With this trust they can acknowledge their talents and use them wisely as you have invited them to do.

Forgive us for the times we gave people the wrong impression of you making you out to be a hard task master and as a result they were afraid to take risks in your name to use their talents for the good of humanity.

Lord help us to trust in you and in ourselves. Help us to carry out the tasks requested by you knowing that when we succeed in small tasks bigger ones will be given with the grace to carry them out.