



Luke 16: 1-13

He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a steward, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. And he called him and said to him, `What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' And the steward said to himself, `What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that people may receive me into their houses when I am put out of the stewardship.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, `How much do you owe my master?' He said, `A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, `Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, `And how much do you owe?' He said, `A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, `Take your bill, and write eighty.' The master commended the dishonest steward for his shrewdness; for the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations. " He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, 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 mammon."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer One

The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

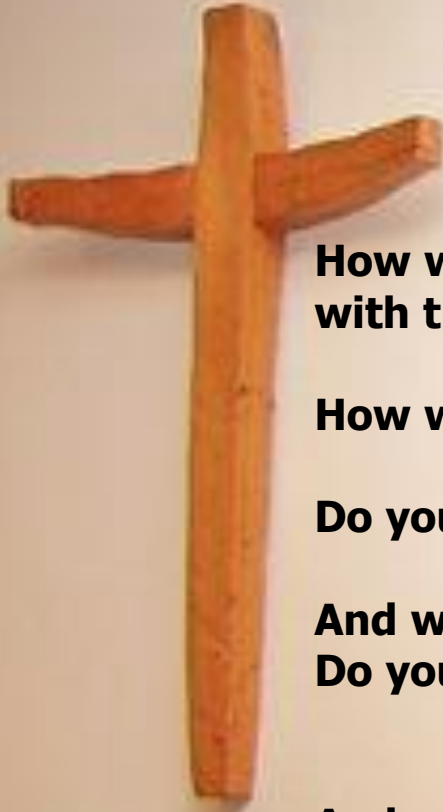
Reflection:

***Our theme this week is stewardship,
which is an unusual word.***

***Put simply, it invites us to think about
the things we are responsible for and
how well we look after those things***



Here are some questions to reflect on:



How well do you look after your friends and your relationships with them?

How well do you look after your family?

Do you play your part in helping out and keeping people happy?

And what about your work in school?

Do you give it your best?

And what about your faith and your prayer life?

Do you give it the time it deserves and make good decisions?

All of us are responsible for something, even if it's just for how we act and conduct ourselves.

We should constantly challenge ourselves to do it better



Final Prayer

LOVING FATHER...

**You created us in a beautiful world with lots of amazing possibilities. Help us to be good stewards of the things you give us to look after, and help us to make the right decisions in everything we have to do. In all things,
Lead us closer and closer to you.**

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
AMEN**

Prayer Two


The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Reflection:

*Stewardship is an old fashioned work
(One we've heard use to describe the
Late Queen) which invites us to think
about how well we look after the
things we are meant to look after*



A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, with their hands raised and head tilted back, set against a warm, golden sunset sky. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, looking towards the right.

Stewardship is about being responsible for the things entrusted to us. As we think about this, it might be worth taking a moment to think about the people entrusted to look after us. We often take these people for granted, but just think where we would be without them. Think where we would be without the love and care of others and without the sacrifices they have made for us. Think where we would be without our teachers and without the work they put in to our education? Where would we be without doctors and nurses to care for us when we are sick? Without paramedics, fire fighters and police officers to look after us in emergencies? Without leaders to make important decisions and keep society running?

If you stop and think about it, there are just so many people whose job it is, or has been, to steward your lives. take some time today to pray for them and to be grateful to them.

Final Prayer

LOVING FATHER...

Help us to appreciate all those who contribute something to our lives, whether something huge or something fairly small. Help us always to remember that as well as creating us, you created a world of people around us, and help us always to be grateful and kind to them.

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON,
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**



Prayer Three

The Sign of the Cross

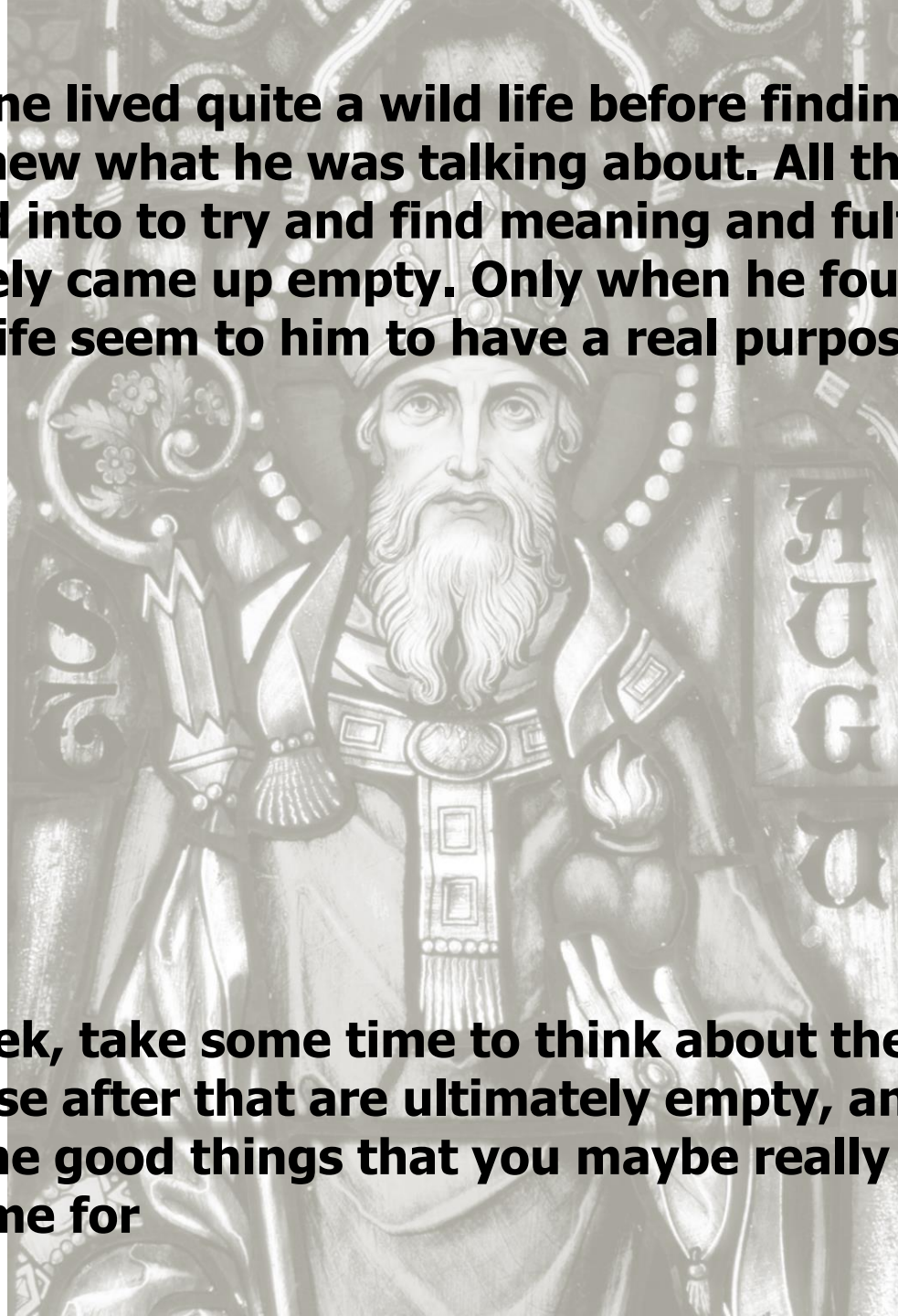
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we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen**

***Reflection:
St. Augustine once said that 'Our
hearts are restless until they rest
in you, O God!'***



Augustine lived quite a wild life before finding God so he knew what he was talking about. All the things he dived into to try and find meaning and fulfilment ultimately came up empty. Only when he found God did his life seem to him to have a real purpose.

This week, take some time to think about the things you chase after that are ultimately empty, and think about the good things that you maybe really should make more time for





Final Prayer

LOVING FATHER...

As we go through this day, help us to see the things that really matter and help us to see the things that really don't. Lead us closer to you until our hearts are resting in you. A rest which reminds us that we are loved and that we were made to do amazing things.

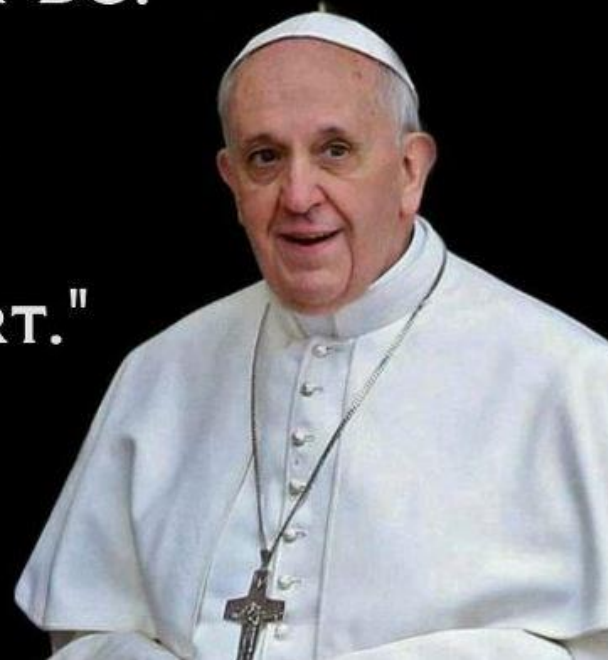
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Final Thought...

"HELP ONE ANOTHER
THIS IS WHAT JESUS TEACHES US.
THIS IS WHAT I DO.

AND I DO IT
WITH MY HEART."

- POPE FRANCIS



Next weeks theme: Charity