

Fr. Romeo Evangelista Homily
Weekday Mass – Wednesday, November 18, 2020
Cycle A

We are all servants of the Lord. We are all stewards of God's gifts. How can we be good stewards, caretakers and managers of God's gifts?

Well, of course, the most basic thing that we must do is to share all his gifts to us by sharing them for His purposes. We have to make His priorities our priorities. We cannot deny the fact that we have failed on this big time – because our priorities are not the priorities of God. That is why we have to undergo a conversion process. This is where the spirituality of stewardship comes in. Stewardship calls us to a profound inner conversion in which we become committed to living generously in every way. This kind of conversion we are talking about here implies a coming to one's senses with a corresponding change in conduct. This implies living as God's faithful servants doing His will and as good managers or stewards of His gifts to us. It implies accepting and living by the truth that we own nothing, because God owns everything.

One article in a religious magazine describes stewardship this way:

"Stewardship is like a great ship loaded with a rich cargo – loaded with God's various gifts and blessings – to be delivered to people in many places". "God is the owner, but I am the captain". If we are "good captains" – well, we should be – we would be able to deliver God's good gifts to His people.

Hopefully, at the end of the day, we will be able to say:

"Lord God, I tried to thank you every day. I tried to be responsible with your gifts. I tried to share those gifts with others. And I am returning them now with increase"!

May God respond by saying:

"Well done, my good and faithful servant....."

Amen