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In today's readings, we are reminded of the message: "To whom much is given, much will be expected." Those who have been entrusted with much are expected by our Lord to bear good fruit from His investment in us.

Many of us, whether in school or at work, have experienced that sense of surprise when a pop quiz came up or a task was suddenly assigned. In those moments, we feel anxiety and stress, fearing that we are not ready and will fail because we haven't prepared. This is similar to procrastination, where we have a task and think, "I have enough time to complete this, so I'll put it off. I'll start next week, or next month, or whenever the deadline approaches." But as the deadline draws near, we feel anxious and unprepared to complete the task.

The Lord reminds us that we must always be prepared because we do not know when He will come for us. There is no guarantee, no specific time given to us in advance. If there were, our human nature might tempt us to procrastinate even further, thinking, "I still have years to set my affairs in order and repair my relationship with God. I'll get it done before He arrives." But God calls us to be ready at all times.

Procrastination is not the answer, and lack of preparation will not suffice.

When the Lord comes to meet us, we cannot say, "I had more important things to do," or "I fell into laziness." We cannot let the allures of the world distract us, pushing God's ways to the side. Our human nature often leads us astray, but if we wish to be good and prudent managers, we must always be prepared. This preparation involves a life of prayer, a spiritual life, frequent participation in the sacraments, and living in God's grace. By doing this, we will be ready whenever God comes to us, without fear or regret that we have wasted time

There are many opportunities in our lives to be prudent managers of the talents, abilities, and gifts God has given us. This includes leading a good spiritual life, serving others, and recognizing that God comes to us through our neighbors, who are temples of the Holy Spirit. We must choose God over the world, even when it goes against our nature and is difficult. God calls us to be countercultural and to rise above our worst instincts.

As we continue in this Mass, let us pray for the grace to be prudent managers, always ready for the coming of our Lord. May we not be caught off guard but remain prepared through faith and service.

Amen.