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Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Find a few minutes today to sit quietly with God. Spend some time imagining your funeral service. It doesn't matter how old you are: this is a valuable exercise in all seasons of life. Picture the service where your friends and family are gathered to celebrate your life and mourn your death. What are people saying about you? What is the pastor saying about you? How are you being remembered? This is between you and God: you can be honest.

Now, let your imagination run free. What would you like your friends and family to say about you? The pastor? Write the script of your eulogy.

If you're like many people, this exercise helps to clarify what's really important, which is one of the gifts of Lent.

You may discover that you want to hear the words of the Master in Jesus' parable, "Well done, good and faithful servant." And you want them to be true. In this parable, Jesus talks about the Kingdom of Heaven. He talks about stewardship and discipleship and faithfulness. He praises the the servants of God who have accepted and used God's gifts. (Remember: the talents in the parable belong to the master, they never belong the servant.)

Thank God that you have gifts to serve the Master's Kingdom. Remember what's important. Be ready to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant."