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There are people who have imagination and creativity and these are gifts of God and show how beautiful it is and it is important to develop these gifts of God in one's work, in one's responsibilities, in one's relationship with people, in the family, in society, in the Christian community ... But each of us can ask ourselves: have I also had gifts from God? What has the Lord given me? He gave me a lot, he gave me everything! All I have is the gift of his love: life, the goods I use, the possibilities I have in my hands.

Every minute is a gift, every heartbeat is a "miracle" of life. Jesus reminds us and reminds us of this with a parable: the parable of the talents where he praises the servants who know how to multiply, develop, make those gifts of God that they have received bear fruit. But it also warns against the temptation to withdraw into oneself, to settle down in some attitude of laziness, without corresponding to the expectations of God and of others.

In other parts of the Bible we have some very punctual and precise indications. The apostle Peter in one of his letters to Christians writes: "Each lives according to the gift received, puts it at the service of others, as a good steward of the manifold grace of God".

And the apostle Paul in one of his writings states: "Each one is given a particular manifestation of the spirit for the common good, because we are all members of one another in one body". It is beautiful, then, it is important, it is necessary to try to develop the gifts of God to the maximum in human and Christian life, in the spiritual life ... I cannot afford to be a vagabond or selfish ... I am called to do as much as possible before God and in love and in the service of people ... Carlo Acutis, a wonderful boy, who lives like everyone else, but unique in a certain sense, could say: "I'm serene because I didn't waste time in my life, I have wasted nothing of God's gifts ". How to live the parable of the Lord?

First of all in my work, in my occupations, in my family commitments, in social commitments, in all that I can do in the Christian community.

Then the whole world of volunteering opens up before me where I can make use of my skills, my love, my possibilities, time ... in favor of the neediest brothers, in the various difficulties of their life. Today, among other things, we live the World Day of the Poor, instituted by Pope Francis, to try to understand and open ourselves to others, even in the most problematic situations. I must have, as the word of God suggests to me, the concern to enrich before the Lord and not before men. Jesus himself said: "There is more joy in giving than in receiving". The Lord does not allow himself to be overcome in generosity, on this earth and in our birth to eternal life, when he wants to pronounce those words: "Come good and faithful servant, enter the joy of your Lord ... you have been faithful in the little I you I will give a lot, I will give you everything".