

Produce its fruit

I tell you then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

What is the fruit of genuine faith

Joy

Contentment

Commitment

Dignity

And so on

Both in this life and in the next.

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The life we have. The homes that we come from. The opportunities presented. The health we breathe. The challenges we face. These are not our own. They are the gift of God. All created with divine humility.

You have those who by kindness share in your love. Those born within your family. Those who by chance, and circumstance, have become a part of your days.

But there is so much else in your life. Food and housing that must be paid for. Security provided, sometimes by you alone. The status of your role sometimes is defended.

This vineyard is hard work. It can be confusing. Priorities can take root that are no more than weeds choking, or replacing more prosperous growth.

And still the vineyard is fundamentally not yours. It is Gods.

All is gift

All is Gift

Given with divine humility

All can be destroyed

All can be destroyed

Taken and corrupted by human arrogance

Then the vineyard is taken away

Replacing fruit with poverty

Replacing Joy with anxiety

Replacing Contentment with desire

Replacing Commitment with boredom

Replacing Dignity with apathy

And so on

Both in this life and in the next.

Both in this life and in the next

You are a person who has talents. Some unique to you. Some shared. The music that comes from your heart. The meals you can produce. The organisation you can facilitate. The ability to enjoy. These are not your own. They are the gift of God. All created with divine humility.

Too often these are destroyed by human fear

What then is the fruit of genuine faith

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You have these talents which as a child your parents often gave you licence to celebrate.

But there is so much else in your life now. What once was seen as tangible exhilaration, could now be no more than a hobby, or worse still a memory. What once presented challenge may now be a capitulation of energy or time. Where today skill calls you to attempt, the effort may lead you to choose the blind acceptance of some facile alternative

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All is gift

All is Gift

Given with divine humility

All can be destroyed
All can be destroyed
Taken and corrupted by human fear
Then the vineyard is taken away
Replacing music with apathy
Replacing adventure with monotony
Replacing participation with lethargy
Replacing Commitment with boredom
Replacing Dignity with existence
And so on
Both in this life and in the next.
Both in this life and in the next
And still the vineyard is fundamentally not yours. It is Gods.
All is gift
All is Gift
Given with divine humility

Not many of us are rich in the eyes of the world. Yet if in this world you have a roof over your head and food on the table. I can assure you; you are rich. This wealth we have, comes from generations of development. This wealth we have comes from the earth. This is not our own. This is the gift of God.

All created with divine humility.
To often destroyed by human greed.
What then is the fruit of genuine faith
Joy
Contentment
Commitment
Dignity
And so on
Both in this life and in the next.
Both in this life and in the next

You have money, and have spent money in times past. On occasion you have spent it before you have earned it. Paying more for what seemed essential. You managed to get by, when the children were small. Doing without, finding enough.

Never did there ever seem to be enough. Tempted by fashion or jealousy. Investing, and securing only anxiety. This dead tool of notes and coins and plastic taking on a personality, and making demands of you.

This vineyard is hard work. It can be confusing. Priorities can take root that are no more than weeds chocking, or replacing more prosperous growth.

And still the vineyard is fundamentally not yours. It is Gods.

All is gift

All is Gift

Even your money

Given with divine humility

All beauty can be destroyed

All goodness can be destroyed

Taken and corrupted by human fear

Then the vineyard is taken away

Replacing fruit with production

Replacing Joy with avarice

Replacing Contentment with envy

Replacing Commitment with compliance

Replacing Dignity with financial wealth

And so on

Both in this life and in the next.

Both in this life and in the next

I tell you then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

What is the fruit of genuine faith

God has given you this life with divine humility

Use the love you have been given and experience the wonder

Use the talents you have been given and enjoy the fun

“Use the money that you have tainted as it is to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into eternal dwellings”

It is not your vineyard

It is not your world

It was given with divine humility

Use it with humility

Not to control

Or to own

But to celebrate.