

Devotion by Samuel Roten

With Great Power...

Luke 12:42-48

I'm not a huge superhero fan, but if we're being honest, we all like Spider-Man. Almost everyone knows the famous back story about Spider-Man's wise Uncle Ben. Uncle Ben gave a lot of good life advice to Spider-Man, but there is one quote that is quite profound: "With great power, comes great responsibility". Now while Spider-Man is ultimately fictitious, this quote provides a good application not only for everyday life, but also for our Christian walk. As a matter of fact, Jesus uses very similar words in one of his parables.

In Luke 12:42-48, Jesus teaches a parable on being good stewards with what He has given us. In verses 45 and 46 we find a servant that knew what his Master wanted him to do but procrastinated. He didn't think the Master was coming back anytime soon so he spent his days eating, drinking, and wasting time. When the Master returns and finds His servant's behavior, the Bible says He "...will cut him in sunder and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers". Often as Christians we try to put off doing His will and seek after our own pleasures.

Verse 48 says "For unto whomsoever much is given, much is required" God has given us so much. Think about it, through Him, we have eternal life, peace, and love, just to name a few.

Once again, I know he is not real, but just entertain this question for a moment: What kind of hero would Spider-Man be if he kept all of his powers to himself and never shared them with the world that needed them?

In the same way what kind of Christians are we being when we keep all of our spiritual gifts to ourselves and never use them to bring glory to God or show others His love?

The reason we are here on this earth is to be a light to those who need it. Just like the servant in the parable, we have no idea how long we have. Let's make our time count.

"Blessed is that servant, whom his lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing"- Luke 12:4