

THE MIRACLES OF ST. BENEDICT

(27) Thirteen Gold Pieces

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Benedict's disciple, Peregrinus, relates a story of a man heavily in debt. The man felt his only hope was to tell Benedict of his trouble. The man told the abbot of his troubles and how he was tormented by his creditor whom he owed twelve gold pieces. Sadly, Benedict told the man, "I do not have that amount of money to give you, but come back in two days." The saintly abbot returned to his fervent prayer. When the man returned, the monks found thirteen gold pieces lying on top of a chest filled with grain. Benedict had the money brought to the man. Benedict told him, "Here, take these. Use twelve to pay your debt and keep the thirteenth for your own needs."

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