

ORDINARY TIME: EXTRA – ORDINARY DAYS

Our Greatest Gift(s)—Buried or Bold?

Matthew 25:14-30

- i. The story read
- ii. The story re-told
 - a. Part One:
 - i. The master on a journey is Jesus.
 - ii. The 3 employees are members of the church.
 - iii. The leaving of the master is Jesus after ascension and before return.
 - b. Part Two:
 - i. One talent is about 15 years of wage for a day laborer.
 - ii. 5 talents are 75 years wage, 2 talents are 30 years wage, 1 talent is 15 years wage.
 - iii. Two employees doubled investment (the Rule of 72) and one buried the principle.
 - c. Part Three:
 - i. “After a long time, the master returns”—refers to the return of Christ.
 - ii. Two are praised and given much and allowed into the messianic banquet.
 - iii. One, in fear of the harsh master, is called wicked and lazy and sent to a place of weeping and gnashing of teeth.

THREE TRUTHS TO LIVE BY

- I. GOD IS GENEROUS FROM CREATION AND WANTS US TO LIVE A BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL LIFE.

- II. GOD DOES NOT WANT US TO LIVE LIFE BURIED IN FEAR.

- III. GOD’S GIFTS OF PEOPLE AND RESOURCES ARE MEANT TO BE FREELY AND GENEROUSLY GIVEN FOR ALL PEOPLE TO THRIVE.