

I. Simple Truths

- A. "<u>Again</u>" (the Kingdom is like...) [Vs. 14]
- B. The master leaves and will return ("a long time") [vs. 19]
- C. <u>The Responsibilities:</u> Distributes his <u>business</u> to three servants [vs. 14,15]
 - 1. <u>5</u>talents worth
 - 2. <u>2</u>talents worth
 - 3. <u>1</u> talent worth
- D. <u>The Reckoning</u>: When he returns he "<u>settles</u> accounts" [vs. 19]
 - 1. The two who <u>multiplied</u> his business were <u>praised</u> [vs. 20–23]
 - 2. The one who <u>hid</u> his talent was <u>rebuked [vs. 26,27]</u>

E. The Rewards:

- 1. <u>Productive</u> servants [vs.21, 23]
 - a. <u>well done</u> "eu" = right action!
 - b. <u>good</u> and "agathos" = right motives (Matt. 7:17)
 - c. <u>faithful</u> servant "pistos" = trustworthy over time
 - d. Enter into the master's <u>joy</u>— "chara" = delight
 - e. More <u>opportunity</u> given [vs. 28,29]
- 2. <u>Unproductive</u> servant [vs. 26, 27, 30]
 - a. Rebuked— "<u>wicked</u>", "lazy", and "<u>worthless</u>"
 - b. <u>Cast</u> out into darkness

II. Spiritual Truths

- A. Its about the <u>Kingdom</u> not about us!
- B. Its about <u>doing</u> not just <u>believing</u>!
- C. He give <u>responsibilities</u> as <u>he</u> determines!
- D. There is a spiritual <u>reckoning</u>!
- E. What <u>return</u> on investment will <u>please</u> the master?