

## JESUS REWARDS HIS FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Matthew 25:14-30

Key Verse: 25:21

1. Read verses 14-18. In this parable, what did the master entrust to each of his servants before leaving on a journey? What was his criteria for deciding how much to entrust to each one?
2. What did each man do with what had been given him? What does it mean that he “put his money to work?” What was the result of their efforts?
3. Read verses 19-23. When the master returned to settle accounts, what did the first two servants report? What was the Master’s response to each? Why did he call them “good and faithful”? What reward was given to each one?
4. Read verses 24-25. What did the third man know about his master? What led him to bury his talent in the ground?
5. Read verses 26-30. How did the master respond to his report? Why did the master not accept the third man’s report and excuses? What did the master command to be done? Why was he so severe with this man?
6. What was Jesus teaching through this parable? What can we learn here about how to live as we wait for Jesus’ return?