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Faithful!

### Matt 25:14 - 30 (NLT)    Parable of the Three Servants

<sup>14</sup>“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone.

<sup>15</sup>He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

<sup>16</sup>“The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more.

<sup>17</sup>The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more.

<sup>18</sup>But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money.

<sup>19</sup>“After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money.

<sup>20</sup>The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’

<sup>21</sup>“The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

<sup>22</sup>“The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’

<sup>23</sup>“The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

<sup>24</sup>“Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate.

<sup>25</sup>I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’

<sup>26</sup>“But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate,

<sup>27</sup>why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’

<sup>28</sup>“Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver.

<sup>29</sup>To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.

<sup>30</sup>Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

**Monday Morning Moment:**    *“To finish the race is to win the race!”*

Ecc1 9:11 (KJV) <sup>11</sup>... the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong....

Matt 24:13 (KJV) <sup>13</sup>But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

1 Cor 15:58 (KJV) <sup>58</sup>Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

### **Definition of FAITHFUL**

**1** : full of faith

**2**: steadfast in affection or allegiance : LOYAL

3: firm in adherence to promises or in observance of duty :CONSCIENTIOUS

4: true to the facts, to a standard, or to an original <a *faithful* copy>

— **faith·ful·ly** *adverb*

— **faith·ful·ness** *noun*

---**faithful** = *adjective*

**Synonyms:** constant, dedicated, devoted, devout, good, loyal, pious, staunch, steadfast, steady, true.

### **Synonym Discussion of FAITHFUL**

*FAITHFUL, LOYAL, CONSTANT, STAUNCH, STEADFAST, RESOLUTE*

**FAITHFUL** implies unswerving adherence to a person or thing or to the oath or promise by which a tie was contracted <*faithful* to her promise>.

**LOYAL** implies a firm resistance to any temptation to desert or betray <remained *loyal* to the czar>.

**CONSTANT** stresses continuing firmness of emotional attachment without necessarily implying strict obedience to promises or vows <*constant* friends>.

**STAUNCH** suggests fortitude and resolution in adherence and imperviousness to influences that would weaken it <a *staunch* defender of free speech>.

**STEADFAST** implies a steady and unwavering course in love, allegiance, or conviction <*steadfast* in their support>.

**RESOLUTE** implies firm determination to adhere to a cause or purpose <a *resolute* ally>.

What does being “faithful” look like?

1. Serving
2. Obeying
3. Profiting

### **Serving = working!**

<sup>17</sup>The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more.

- **John 5:17 (ESV)**  
<sup>17</sup>But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”
- **John 9:4 (ESV)**  
<sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.

### **Obeying=hearing and doing the what’s in the Word**

<sup>21</sup>“... You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities....

- **James 1:22 (NLT)**  
<sup>22</sup>But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.
- **Luke 11:28 (NLT)**  
<sup>28</sup>Jesus replied, “But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice.”

### **Profiting = investing, increasing and improving**

<sup>20</sup> ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’

- **2 Pet 1:5 - 8 (KJV)**

<sup>5</sup>And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; <sup>6</sup>And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; <sup>7</sup>And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. <sup>8</sup>For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.