<u>THE OLIVET</u> <u>DISCOURSE – PART VI</u> (PARABLE OF THE TALENTS) *Matthew 25:14-30*

I. The <u>Kingdom Of Heaven</u> Is Like... – vs. 14a

Matthew 18:3

Matthew 25:34

Matthew 13:24-26, 47-48

"The kingdom of heaven" is used by Jesus in much the same way we use the word "church". It can mean either the visible, outward body of those who profess to know Christ. Or, it can mean the invisible body of truly redeemed people.

II. The Master Distributes His <u>Stuff</u> And <u>Leaves</u> -vs. 14b-15

Talanton - that which is weighed, a <u>talent</u>. (a talent of silver in Israel weighed about 100 pounds (45 kg); a talent of gold in Israel weighed about 200 pounds (91 kg))

Romans 12:3-8

III. <u>Stewardship</u> Of The Master's Talents - vs. 16-18

 $Kerdain\bar{o}$ – to profit , to win something or to save oneself something.

Matthew 13:44

IV. The Master Returns For The Day Of <u>Reckoning</u> – vs. 19-27

Synair \bar{o} - to cast up or settle accounts; to make a reckoning with.

Luke 17:10 2 Timothy 4:6-8 Luke 19:12-19 Hebrews 12:2

V. The Reward/Judgment Meted Out – vs. 28-30

Matthew 13:12 Matthew 7:23 Matthew 22:11-13

Closing Thought: The church is filled with two types of people. Those that have true saving faith and steward God's resources for His gain, and are those who are not coheirs with Christ, as their lives do not profit God anything. Which type of person are you; one who is profiting God, or one who brings Him no profit?