

Faithful or Unfaithful (Matthew 25:14-30)

Introduction

- What are some of the most scathing Proverbs about?
- What is Jesus teaching about on the Mount of Olives?
- What was the point of Matthew 25:1-13?
- What is the point of today's parable?

Matthew 25:14-30 and Explanation

- Who does Opulens stand for?
- Who do Quinque and Duo stand for?
- Who does Unus stand for?

i Faithful Servants

- What is the main thrust of the parable's teaching?
- What is the first consequence of this?
- Why is this the case?
- Which verse written by Paul says the same sort of thing?
- What is the second consequence of the parable's teaching?
- In which two ways might we think wrongly about our gifts and opportunities?
 - i)
 - ii)
- Does Jesus give everyone identical gifts?
- How does he deal with us?

- What is the third consequence of the parable's teaching?
- What is the watchword in Opulens' commendation of Quinque and Duo?
- How does the Lord reward our faithfulness?
- What is one wrong way to think about the church which is prevalent today?
- Do you see yourself as a servant?
- What should you do if you are not using a gift God has given you?
- What should you do if you do not know where your gifts lie?

ii Unfaithful Servants

- Stripping away the imagery, who is Unus?
- Which verse from James describes the same attitude?
- What do unfaithful servants suffer in the end?
 - i)
 - ii)
 - iii)
- What do you need to do if you are like Unus?
- Why is there hope for those who do that?