***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

FAITHFUL OVER A FEW THINGS

***20****The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’* ***21****“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.Come and share your master’s happiness!’* ***22****“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’* ***23****“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’* Matthew 25:20-23

Introduction: The lifestyles of the rich and famous are quite amazing. Yet, as impressive as they are, all they really have is God’s pocket change. All their material wealth does no good unless they see them- selves as stewards of God. Managing our earthly riches determines how much God can trust us with spiritual wealth. In the end, we will all discover how faithful we were over “a few things”. As we consider The Parable of The Talents, we learn at least three things about God and riches:

1. GOD IS THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 25:14):

 a. God distributes His goods.

 b. God decides what blessings we get.

2. GOD IS THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 25:15-20):

 a. There is a stewardship given.

 b. There is a settling of accounts.

3. GOD IS THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 25:20-21):

 a. God will respond to every steward.

 b. God will richly reward the faithful.

CONCLUSION: Are you faithful over a few things?

Answers: 1. Owner 2. Loaner 3. Rewarder