

Story Time: The cat that buried it's talent...literally.
Sometimes pets cost us a lot of money and end up not giving us much for a return on our investment.

****Jesus Calls us to Invest:****

1. Verses 14-30

- * A.Talents were given freely. They did not earn them. A single Talent was worth around 20 years of pay.
- * B The expectation of those entrusted with a talent was that they use that talent for a benefit.
- * C.Those offered the grace of God that do not do anything with it are characterized as “wicked servants” and thrown into outer darkness.
 - * i. Back to the CAT illustration - Imagine how God feels about the investment in us.

****The Fruit of Investment:****

1. Let's hear some testimony of how the church investing in someone can make a huge impact. (Jackson, Mara, Grayson, Liberty, Tobin)

****Application:****

1. Verses 31-46

- * A.Invest. It is the expectation, it is a command. There are lots of areas to invest in. Doesn't have to be at the Youth Group. But scripture says “the least of these”, and children are pretty small. I may be biased though.
- * B.Parents with their kids... Older adults in newly weds... As long as it's somebody. Do not be the “wicked servant” and bury your talent.
- * C.I will leave you with a Quote: “There is a Chinese saying that goes: “If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.””