IN-CLASS ASSIGNMENT 4:1 - PARABLES **DUE IN CLASS 10/22/18**

**For the Gospel text assigned to you (SEE BELOW):**

1. **Read the Gospel text carefully**
2. **Answer the following questions in answered form:**

* What is the OVERALL THEME of the parable (few words)?
* Who is this parable being addressed to (the audience)?
* What is Jesus trying to teach us through this parable?
* Which verse or verses form the primary message in this parable?
* Is there a closing challenge to this parable by Jesus? If so, restate it in your own language.
* Which character in this parable do you most closely align to, and why?

**Writing Instructions:**

* Type your answers in TABLE FORM, **(SEE BELOW)** and submit via *Turnitin* in Word format. If I can’t open it, I can give you credit.
* Use standard 12 pt. font, no bold or italics (unless emphasizing a point), or other fancy fonts.
* Good usage of the English language contributes to your grade. Your software has a spell check and a grammar check … use them. If you lose points for this, go back to *Turnitin* and click VIEW on the assignment. *Turnitin* will show you your rudimentary English errors.
* ***This is an individual project! No working in teams or talking during the exercise.***
* No cutting-and-pasting from web sources or from the text. Your answers must be your work.

ANSWER FORMAT:

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| **OVERALL THEME?** |  |
| **AUDIENCE OF THIS PARABLE?** |  |
| **WHAT IS JESUS TEACHING US?** |  |
| **VERSE/S WHICH FORM PRIMARY MESSAGE?** |  |
| **CLOSING CHALLENGE?** |  |
| **CHARACTER I MOST CLOSELY ALIGN WITH?** |  |

BASED ON YOUR BIRTHDAY, YOUR ASSIGNED PARABLE IS:

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| **JAN-APRIL:** | Matthew 20:1-16 – *The Workers in the Vineyard* |
| **MAY-AUGUST:** | Mark 12:1-12 – *The Tenant Farmers* |
| **SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER:** | Luke 16:1-13 – *The Dishonest Steward* |