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Here's the story of two guys named Tommy and Casey, neither of whom was gifted intellectually. They worked in the same factory where recently, a co-worker received over \$100,000 in damages because he went deaf due to the constant loud noise in the factory. So, Tommy and Casey went to an ear doctor, with the hope that they would be given a letter that they could bring to court, proving that they were also deaf because of the loud, constant noise in the factory where they worked. Casey went in first. The ear doctor said to him, "Close the door behind you." Casey did. The ear doctor yelled: "You're not deaf, you're a phoney, get out of here!" On his way out, Casey says to Tommy, "No matter what you do, don't close the door, it's a trap!" Sure enough, Tommy walks in, the ear doctor says, "Close the door behind you." Tommy says, "No, I will not, close it yourself!" Believe it or

not – now this may be the stretch of the century – believe it or not, that silly story can segue right into the story of our Gospel tonight! In the Gospel story, Jesus compliments two servants for using the gifts they were given. He criticizes one servant for not using the gift he was given. Would the Master, whom we believe is the picture of God, would the Master compliment or criticize you? Would the Master compliment or criticize me? Do we use the gifts we've been given? Did you ever hear the story entitled Enjoying Holland? Once upon a time, a rich man gave special gifts to three of his friends. To the first, he gave the gift of \$5000 dollars. She immediately invested it, made another \$5000 and went on a trip to Italy where she enjoyed a marvelous time. To a second friend, the rich man gave a gift of \$2000. She immediately invested it, made another \$2000 and went on a trip to Ireland where she enjoyed a marvelous time. To a third friend, the rich man gave a gift of \$1000, but this woman was envious, angry that she had received less than the others. So she buried the gift that he had given. Some of her friends said to her: "While you might not have enough money to go to Italy or Ireland, but \$1000 IS enough money for you to go to Holland and Holland has unique attractions that neither Italy nor Ireland has: windmills, tulips, Rembrandts and much more, why don't you give Holland a try"? But the third woman was adamant NOT to give Holland a try and she kept her gift buried and spent the rest of her life with self-pity as her constant companion; complaining how life is just not fair. Well, our friends Tommy and Casey may not have been gifted intellectually, but I bet you they had other gifts. The key to life is not what gifts you have been given. The key to

