

## Does This Come in a Different Color?

**August 28, 2016**—Parables of Jesus

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But wisdom is shown to be right by the lives of those who follow it.”

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The Truth of God's Good News is \_\_\_\_\_ by  
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Am I mostly aware of what \_\_\_\_\_ to me or what  
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