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Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)
14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them.
15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

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Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)
16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more.
17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more.

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Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

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Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

¹⁹ "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

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.'

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Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

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!'

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Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

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.’

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Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

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!’

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Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

²⁴“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

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Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

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Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

²⁶ "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?

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Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.
²⁸ "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.

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Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.
³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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- **Horror:** You're constantly terrified.
- **Mystery:** Wonder who did it and where it went.
- **Thriller:** Always wonder what's going to happen next.
- **Comedy:** It's one big joke, and the joke's on you.
- **Action:** Something new is always happening, but you always win, barely.
- **Romance:** It's a match made in heaven. "We lived happily ever after."

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Three Truths to Guide Our Finances

1. God Owns It All

- like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted **his wealth** to them.
Matthew 25:14 (NIV)
- For all the animals of the forest are mine, and **I own** the cattle on a thousand hills.
Psalms 50:10 (NLT)
- The earth **is the LORD's**, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.
Psalms 24:1 (NIV)

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Three Truths to Guide Our Finances

2. God Provides It All

- To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability.

Matthew 25:15 (NIV)

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Matthew 6:25-27 (NIV)

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?"

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Matthew 6:25-27 (NIV)

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

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Matthew 6:31-34 (NIV)

³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

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Matthew 6:31-34 (NIV)

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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SERENITY PRAYER

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

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Three Truths to Guide Our Finances

3. We Manage It All

- 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.'

"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 25:20-21 (NIV)

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Matthew 25:28-29 (NIV)

²⁸ "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.

²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.

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Three Truths to Guide Our Finances

1. God Owns It All
2. God Provides It All
3. We Manage It All

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Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts.

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Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.
⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.

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Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

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