

# DISCUSSION GUIDE



**"Parables, Parallels,  
and Profit"  
Pastor Bobby Gore  
January 21, 2024**

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**WELCOME** *Meet at the front of Sanctuary.*

**WORSHIP** *"Better is One Day – Matt Redman*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N10q5h-tqyU>

**WORD** [Matthew 25: 14-30](#) (*Parable of the Bags of Gold*)

*Additional:* [Matt. 13:11-13](#); [Prov. 9:9](#); [Luke 19:11-26](#); [Gen. 37:2-4](#); [Gen. 47:5-6, 27](#); [Gen.28:20-22](#); [Heb.7, Rev. 2:26](#)

**Read Matthew 25:14-30 and answer the following questions:**

1. Discuss the parable—what nuggets stood out to you?
2. What is the theme of the *Parable of the Bags of Gold (or Talents)*?
3. Discuss what each servant was given to steward, their actions (and what their actions might indicate about what they believed), and the master's response to each.
4. What are the parallels between this parable and the *Parable of the Ten Minas* (read Luke 19: 11-26)?
5. Pastor Bobby also used the story of Joseph (Genesis 37:2-4; Gen. 47:5-6, 27) as a parallel to these two parables. What are some important Biblical principles/wisdom we can glean from these parables and Joseph's story?
6. The parables show that "faithfulness results in blessing and reward." What is the inverse?
7. Pastor Bobby shared personal testimony related to tithing and work/finances saying, "Those who trust God now with the temporary are proving they trust God with the eternal." Share a story of trusting God by faith and stewarding well what was given. What was the outcome?

**Questions for Reflection (or sharing if you desire):** *What gifts from God have you been given? What actions have you taken or desire to take to show faithful stewardship of these gifts (for HIS kingdom purposes)?*

**WITNESS** *Read Matthew 5:16, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Let your line shine before others this week: Take action through good deeds as faithful stewards of all God has given.*