

Getting Ready for  
Immeasurably More

Who wants to be blessed  
by God?

James 4:2-3

**“You do not have because you do not ask God. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”**

Are God's blessings arbitrary?

Grace: Unmerited Favor of God  
toward people

Favor-approval of God that results  
in opportunities and experiences  
granted by God

God's Grace is given to everyone and is not dependent on anything that anyone has done. God's Favor is dependent on our actions.

**9 The LORD searches all the earth for people who have given themselves completely to him. He wants to make them strong. (2 Chron 16:9)**

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**19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. (1 Cor 6:19-20)**

**The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;  
for he founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters.**

**(Ps 24:1-2)**

**For by Him all things were created, things in Heaven & on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities, all things were created by Him and for Him. (Col 1:19-20)**

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The principle: We are not  
owners. We are stewards.  
God is the owner.

## Matthew 25

**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. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more.**

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**17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.**

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

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6) When we are faithful with a little, we get the opportunity to be faithful with a lot.

Maybe even **IMMEASURABLY MORE!**

The favor of God is not arbitrary. God looks for people who have given themselves completely to Him. He wants to show His favor!

God is for you. You won't understand that unless you are for God.