

MAXIMIZE YOUR MONEY!

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Again, the *Kingdom of Heaven* can be illustrated by the story of a *man* going on a long trip. He called together his *servants* and entrusted *his money* to them while he was gone. **Matthew 25:14 (NLT)**

He gave *five bags* of silver to one, *two bags* of silver to another, and *one bag* of silver to the last - dividing it *in proportion to their abilities*. He then left on his trip. **Matthew 25: 15 (NLT)**

Insight # 1:

God assigns work and opportunity according to our ability.

The servant who received the five bags of silver began to *invest the money* and *earned five more*. The servant with two bags of silver also *went to work* and *earned two more*. But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and *hid the master's money*. **Matthew 25:16-18 (NLT)**

After a long time, their master returned from his trip and called them to *give an account of how they had used his money*. **Matthew 25:19 (NLT)**

Insight #2:

God holds us accountable for what He gives us.

The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, "Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and *I have earned five more*."

The master was full of praise. "Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been *faithful* in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many *more responsibilities*. Let's celebrate together!" **Matthew 25:20-21 (NLT)**

The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, "Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and *I have earned two more*."

The master said, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been *faithful* in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many *more responsibilities*. Let's celebrate together!" **Matthew 25:22-23 (NLT)**

Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, "Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate. *I was afraid I would lose your money*, so I hid it in the earth. Look, *here is your money back*."

*But the master replied, "You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate, why didn't you **deposit my money in the bank**? At least I could have gotten some **interest on it**."*

Matthew 25:24-27 (NLT)

Insight #3:

God expects us to **manage and **multiply** what He gives us!**

FOMO: Fear of **Missing** Out

FOMU: Fear of **Messing** Up

*Then he ordered, "Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. To those who **use well** what they are given, even **more will be given**, and they will have an **abundance**. But from those who **do nothing**, even what little they have will be **taken away**." **Matthew 25:28-29 (NLT)***

Insight #4:

If we don't **use it, we **lose it**.**

Kingdom Principles of Investing:

- **Start **early** and let **time** work for you.**

*Send your grain across the seas, **and in time**, profits will flow back to you.*

Ecclesiastes 11:1 (NLT)

- **Don't **panic** when things go down. Don't get **greedy** when things go up.**
- **Always **diversify**.**

*Invest in **seven** ventures, yes, in **eight**; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land. **Ecclesiastes 11:2 (NIV)***

- **Avoid **get rich quick** schemes.**

*Trying to get rich quick is **evil** and leads to **poverty**. **Proverbs 28:22 (TLB)***

- **Save and invest only when also **giving**.**

*Yes, every man is a fool who gets rich on earth **but not in heaven**.*

Luke 12:21 (TLB)