

## 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)**