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Parable

of the  
Talents

**How do I know if  
something is God's Will,  
or God's Direction  
for my life?**

# Matthew 25:14–30

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 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. 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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So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money. "After a long time, the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five.

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‘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. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant!

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So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 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. “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.

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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. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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**Question:**

**What are you waiting for?**

# Challenge:

Invest what He has given you;  
don't sit on it or hide it in fear.