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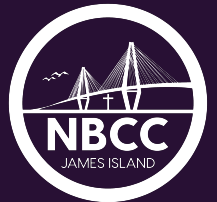
Matthew 25:14 (NIV)

Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them.



Matthew 25:15 (NIV)

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.



Matthew 25:16-17 (NIV)

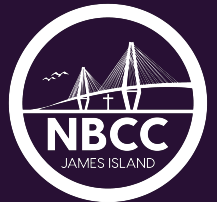
The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more.

So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more.



Matthew 25:18 (NIV)

But the man who had received one bag  
went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid  
his master's money.



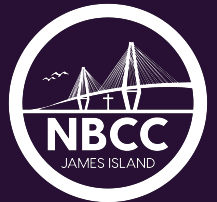
Matthew 25:19 (NIV)

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



Matthew 25:20 (NIV)

The man who had received the five bags of gold brought the other five. “Master” he said, “you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See I have gained five more.”



Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

His master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”





Matthew 25:22 (NIV)

The man with two bags of gold also came.  
“Master,” he said, “you entrusted me with  
two bags of gold; see, I have gained two  
more.”



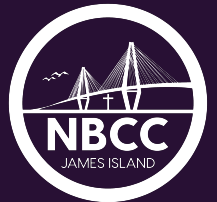
Matthew 25:23 (NIV)

His master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”



Matthew 25:24 (NIV)

The the man who had received the one bag of gold came. “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.



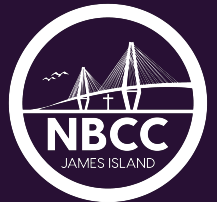
Matthew 25:25 (NIV)

So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.”



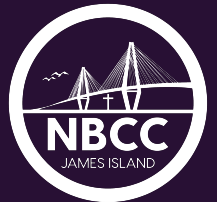
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His master replied, “You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?”



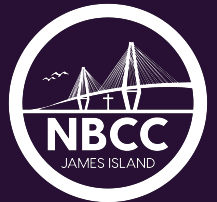
Matthew 25:27 (NIV)

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.



Matthew 25:28 (NIV)

So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.



Matthew 25:29 (NIV)

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.





Matthew 25:30 (NIV)

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



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