

THE FINANCES OF GOD RELATES TO A LADDER. THE LADDER IS A TOOL THAT WE USE TO HELP US ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING WE CANNOT REACH WITHOUT IT.

GOD DOESN'T BLESS YOU FINANCIALLY JUST TO BLESS YOU. GOD BLESSES YOU SO

YOU CAN BE A BLESSING
TO SOMEONE LLSE.

⁸ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8 NLT

- Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce;
- then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

PROVERBS 3:9-10 ESV

ILA A PARABLE OF JESUS CONCERNING GOD'S FINANCES

14 "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 25:15-18 NLT

16 "The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. 17 The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. 18 But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money."

MATTHEW 25:15-18 NLT

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19 "After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. 20 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!"

"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!"

"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. ²⁵ I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back."

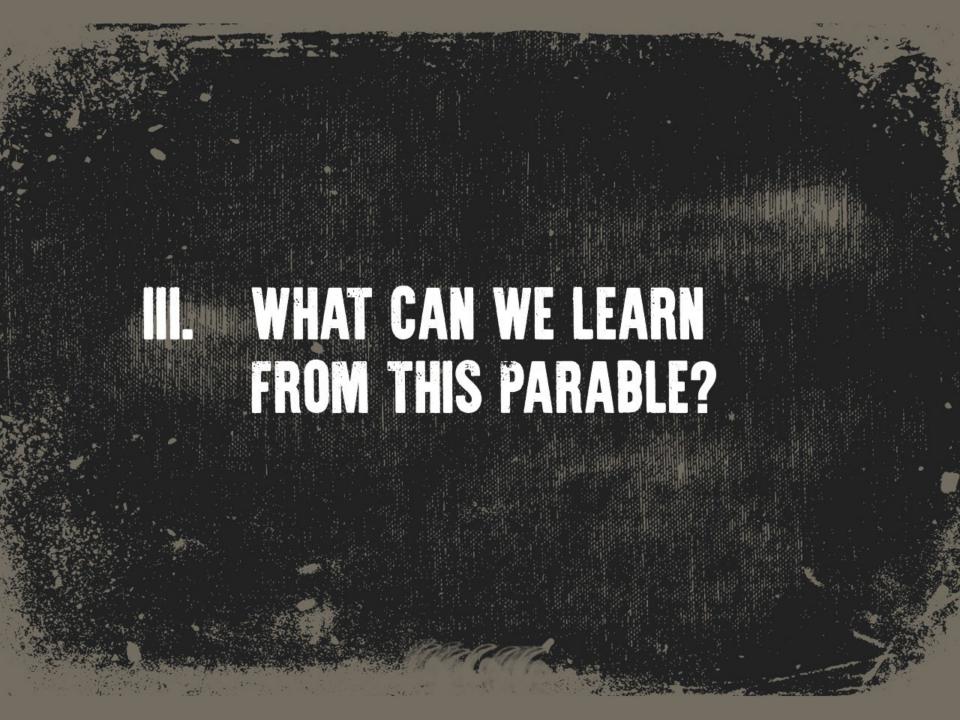
²⁶ "But the master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate, ²⁷ why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it."

"Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver."

MATTHEW 25:26-28 NLT

²⁹ 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 25:29 NLT



III. WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS PARABLE?

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.
The world and all its people belong to him.

PSALMS 24:1 NLT

WHEN YOU ARE CLOSE TO JESUS, YOU ARE GOING TO TREAT LYCEN YOU ARE GOING TO

IF YOU DON'T KNOW HIM AT ALL.

III. WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS PARABLE?

GOD WANTS US TO BE IN VESTIGATION OF THE STATE OF THE STA

⁶ Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6 NLT

AND HE HAS CALLED 30BEGIVERS.

¹⁶ "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

JOHN 3:16 NLT

"And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."

ACTS 20:35 NLT