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the modern impact of ancient stories

PARABLE:
an earthly story
with a heavenly meaning

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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. He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to

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the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

“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

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more. But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money.

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

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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.

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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

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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!’

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“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.’

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“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.’”

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“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.’”

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But from those who do nothing,
even what little they have will be
taken away. Now throw this
useless servant into outer
darkness, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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God's Business:

The relentless pursuit of the
people he loves

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Two servants operate with a **BOLD** Faith and believe the **RESULTS** are **expected!**

One servant operates with a **SAFE** Faith and believe the **RESULTS** are **too risky!**

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