# Scripture
## Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

**The Parable of the Bags of Gold**

**14** "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. **15** 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. **16** The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. **17** So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more.

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

**19** "After a long time the master of those servants
returned and settled accounts with them. **20** The
man who had received 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*.'

**21** "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*!'

**22** “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*.’

**23** “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*!’

**24** “Then the man who had received 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.* **25** *So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you*.’

**26** “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*? **27**
*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*.

**28** “‘*So take the bag of gold from him and give it to
the one who has ten bags*. **29** *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.* **30** *And throw
that worthless servant outside, into the darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth*.’’