



2025

Begin with the End in Mind

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FINISH

START



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end in mind





The
Professor





Jackie

Mark



A young man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a green short-sleeved button-down shirt, is speaking at a podium. He is gesturing with his right hand. The background is a blurred indoor setting with wooden paneling and a red chair.

Tim

Semester
Break!





Jackie



Mark



Tim

That's a parable!

That's how parables get hatched!



Parable

WHEN?

Do we know exactly when he is coming back? No, but here's what we do know: We are closer today than we were yesterday. We are closer this year than we were last year. We do know, from the pages of Scripture, that he is indeed returning.

THE CHALLENGE

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. 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. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

“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.’

“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!’

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“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.

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! 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. 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.’



HOLY BIBLE
Matthew 25 14-30

THE REBUKE

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HOLY BIBLE

Matthew 25 21-23

THE UNHOLY JUSTIFICATION / THE MASTERS' VERDICT

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Matthew 25 24-25

HOLY BIBLE

Why does that
guy with the
most get
more?





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Our New Year's Opportunity
Make a Goal --- Have a Plan

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians
5:22-23



Be
Fruitful!

Well
Done!

**YOU DID
WHATEVER YOU
COULD WITH
WHAT YOU HAD**