**GOD SAYS I AM**

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***The Blessings That God Has Given***

***Is Not Too Much For Us To Handle***

**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. **15**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.

**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 25:14-18 NLT***

***The Issue Is Not How Much We Have***

 ***But How Well We Use What We Have***

**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.’

**21**“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!’

**22**“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.’

**23**“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!’

**24**“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.’

***Matthew 25:19-25 NLT***

***Our Time, Abilities And Money Aren’t Ours In The First Place, We Are To Be Caretakers Of God’s Blessings On Us***

**28**“Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. **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 25:28-29 NLT***

***The Lord’s Covenant, The Blessing Of Peace***

**26**I will bless my people and their homes around my holy hill. And in the proper season I will send the showers they need. There will be showers of blessing.

***Ezekiel 34:26 NLT***

***A Blessing Is A Wish Or Prayer For That Which Is To Become Now And In The Future***

**22**Then the Lord said to Moses, **23**“Tell Aaron and his sons to bless the people of Israel with this special blessing:

**24**‘May the Lord bless you and protect you.
**25**May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.
**26**May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.’

**27**Whenever Aaron and his sons bless the people of Israel in my name,

I myself will bless them.”

***Numbers 6:22-27 NLT***