### Matthew 25:14 NIV

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them.

# God has given each of us a Divine purpose.

### Matthew 25:15 NIV

To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

# God has given each of us gifts, talents and abilities

### Matthew 25:16-18 NIV

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.

## God has given each of us free will to make decisions

#### Matthew 25:19-23

"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.' "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!' "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!' a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'.

## God gives each of us the opportunity to share in His Happiness

### Matthew 25:24-25

"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.'

# God gives each of us the opportunity to know Him

#### Matthew 25:26-30

"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.'

# God gives each of us the opportunity to choose an eternity of Abundance

How do we increase our faith so that we can achieve more with God?

- 1. Get to know God
- 2. Accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior
- 3. Focus on God
- 4. Trust in God
- 5. Give your burdens to God
- 6. Understand your gifts from God
- 7. Bring Glory to God