



**Facing Our Level Series (Part 2)
(The Stewards Level)**

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July 2026 Sermons

- A. The Virgins Level
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Text: Matthew 25:14–30

Introduction

Level (or maturity) Based Opportunity:

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.

Level (or vision) Based Opportunity:s

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*.

Level (or accountability) Based Judgement:

I. Two Guys Show Progress

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!’

II. One Guy Shows No Progress

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

Note: The Unfair Opinions of The One Lazy Guy

1. One guy had issues with the owner requirements but took the money anyway
2. One guy felt the owner was selfish “you are hard, and did not deserve a harvest”
3. One guy claimed he was afraid and so did nothing

Note: The Owner’s Opinion

1. He celebrated the two guys
2. He considered the one guy “lazy and wicked”
3. He concludes by saying God rewards ***the level of your effort*** (v28-29)

Next Time: Read ahead Matthew 25:31-46