

A close-up portrait of a smiling Black man. His head and neck are covered in various coins, including US pennies and quarters. The coins are arranged in a way that they appear to be part of his skin. The background is a light, textured surface. The word "PARABLES" is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the center of the image, partially overlapping the man's face and the coins.

PARABLES

The background of the slide features a light, off-white surface with a subtle, artistic arrangement of coins. The coins are scattered in the corners, with a higher concentration in the top-right and bottom-left. Some coins are clearly visible, showing details like the profile of a person and the word "LIBERTY". The overall aesthetic is clean and minimalist.

Gifts Entrusted

Matthew 25:14-30

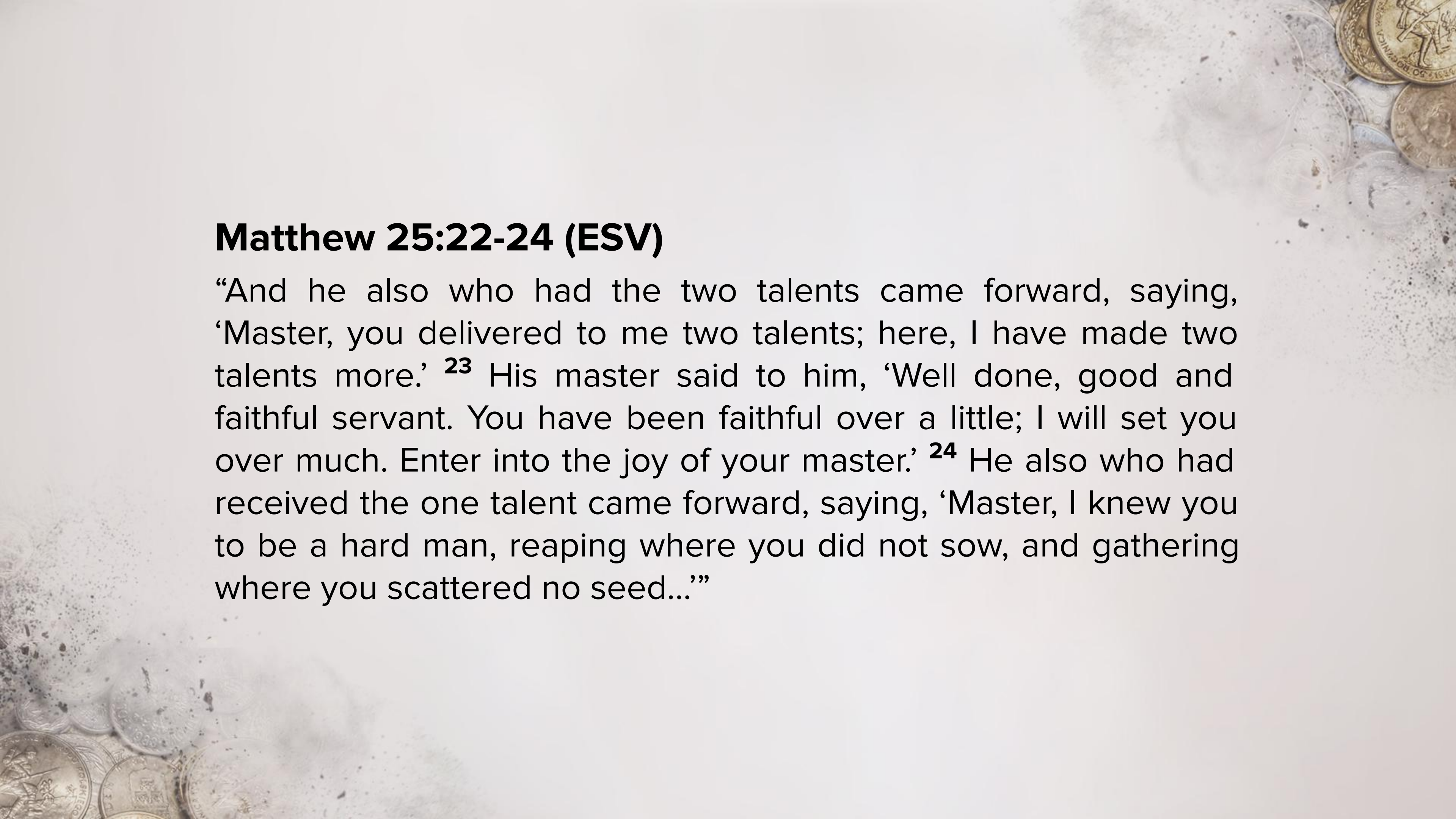
Matthew 25:14-18 (ESV)

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.”

A decorative background featuring a light-colored, textured surface with several coins scattered in the corners. The coins are of various denominations and colors, including gold and silver, and are partially visible in the top-right and bottom-left corners.

Matthew 25:19-21 (ESV)

“Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’”

The background of the slide features a light-colored, textured surface, possibly sand or a fine-grained material. Scattered across this surface are numerous coins of various denominations and colors, including gold, silver, and copper. The coins are most densely clustered in the top right and bottom left corners, with some individual coins visible in the center and bottom right areas. The lighting is soft, creating subtle shadows and highlights on the coins and the surface.

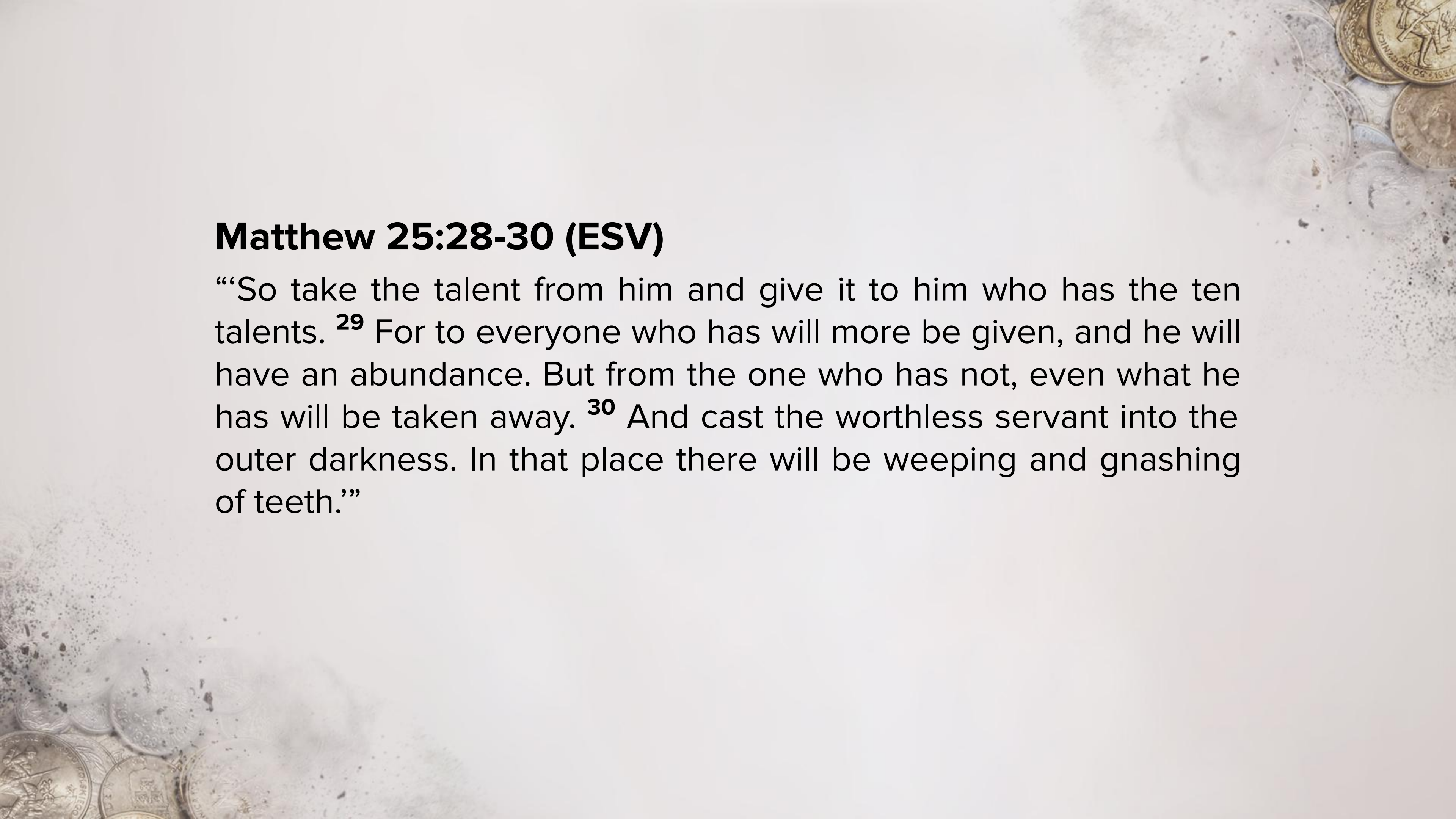
Matthew 25:22-24 (ESV)

“And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed...’”



Matthew 25:25-27 (ESV)

“...so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.’”

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Matthew 25:28-30 (ESV)

“So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

The Parable of the Talents

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Matthew 25:15b (ESV)

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Matthew 25:16-17, 19 (ESV)

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Matthew 25:21 (ESV)

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Matthew 25:26, 28 (ESV)

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THE SERVANTS

RECEIVE...

RESPOND...

REACT
TO THE MASTER'S
RETURN

Matthew 25:20, 22, 25 (ESV)

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RESPOND TO RESPONSIBILITY OF STEWARDSHIP

Invested

Buried

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Blamed and feared

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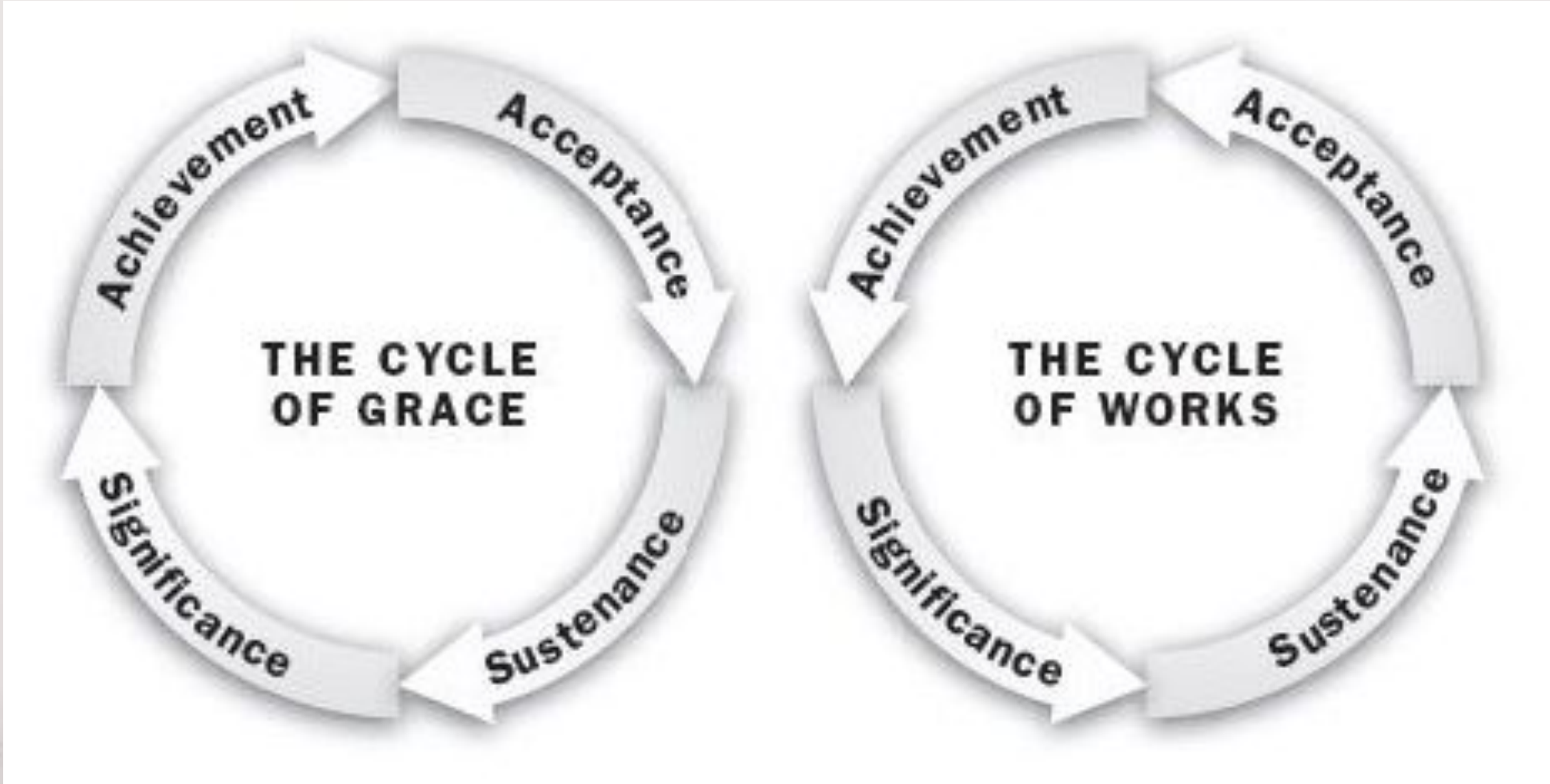
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- View of his possessions
- Risk vs. reward
- Living in light of the master's return

MOTIVATION



THE SERVANTS

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THE MASTER**



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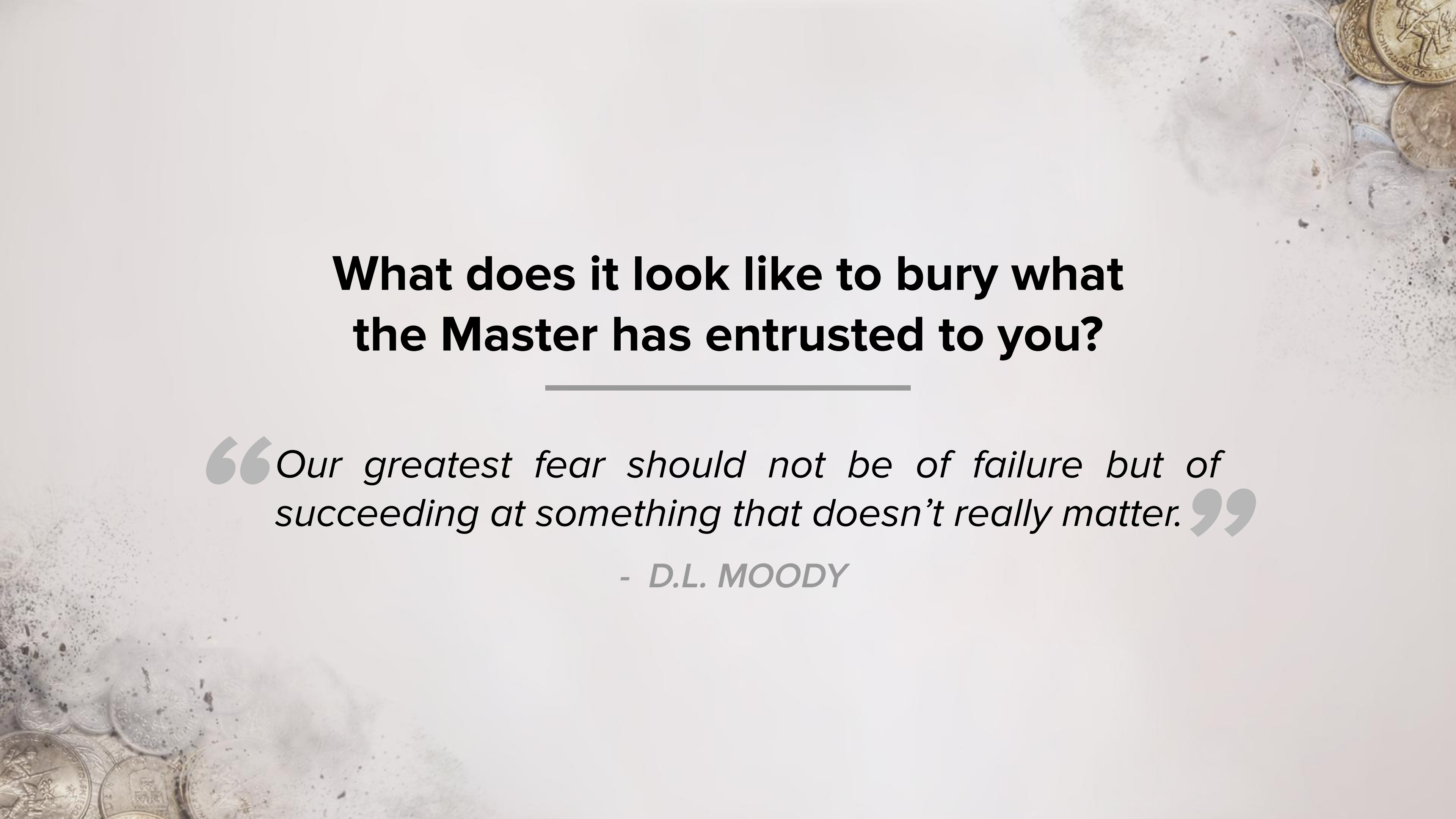
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- Entrusted with much
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- Be ready for our face-to-face meeting with the Master

**What does it look like to bury what
the Master has entrusted to you?**



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“Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at something that doesn’t really matter.”

- D.L. MOODY

**What does it look like to invest what
the Master has entrusted to you?**

**AM I READY for my personal
face-to-face meeting with the Master?**
