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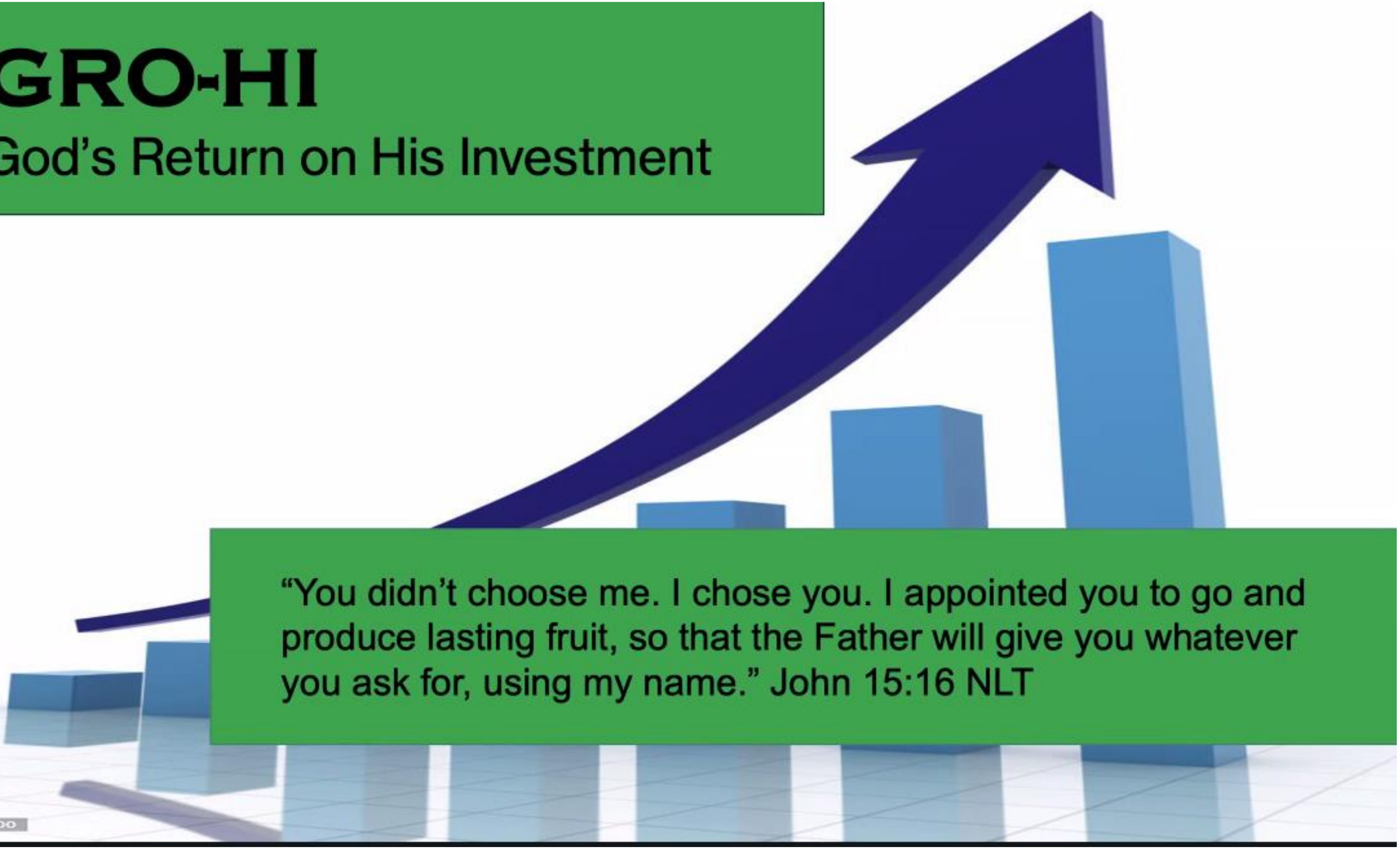
God's Return on His Investment



"You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name." John 15:16 NLT

The principle of financial investing

The fundamental principles of investing include starting early, setting clear goals, creating a plan, investing regularly, diversifying your portfolio, managing risk by understanding your tolerance and market volatility, and remaining patient and disciplined for the long term, while minimizing fees and avoiding emotional decisions

When you invest in something, it is wise to invest in something with value that will appreciate or grow over time.

If you do that, what you invested in will grow and when you return to it you have more than what you started with because you invested in something that was an appreciating asset.

The spiritual transition and breakdown

- The fundamental principles of investing include **starting early**

God began investing in man at creation

Genesis 1:26, 28 NKJV

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

The spiritual transition and breakdown

- The fundamental principles of investing include **setting clear goals, creating a plan,**

Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV
For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

The spiritual transition and breakdown

- The fundamental principles of investing include **investing regularly**

Lamentations 3:22,23 NKJV
Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

The spiritual transition and breakdown

- The fundamental principles of investing include **diversifying your portfolio**

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 NLT

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

The spiritual transition and breakdown

- The fundamental principles of investing include **managing risk by understanding your tolerance and market volatility**

Proverbs 27:12 NLT
A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.

The spiritual transition and breakdown

- The fundamental principles of investing include **remaining patient and disciplined for the long term**

1 Corinthians 15:56-58 NLT

For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power.

But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

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so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for,

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How can we be certain that God wants a return on his investment (ROI)

The Bible tells us so...

The Parable of the ten servants

Luke 19:11-27

12. He said, “A nobleman was called away to a distant empire to be crowned king and then return.

13. Before he left, he called together ten of his servants and divided among them ten pounds of silver, saying, ‘Invest this for me while I am gone.

Jesus speaks about the future

Mark 13:34-37

34. The coming of the Son of Man can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. When he left home, he gave each of his slaves instructions about the work they were to do, and he told the gatekeeper to watch for his return.

35. You, too, must keep watch! For you don't know when the master of the household will return – in the evening, at midnight, before dawn, or at daybreak.

36. Don't let him find you sleeping when he arrives without warning.

37. I say to you what I say to everyone: Watch for him!

Jesus describes a faithful servant
Matthew 24:45-51

A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them.

If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward.

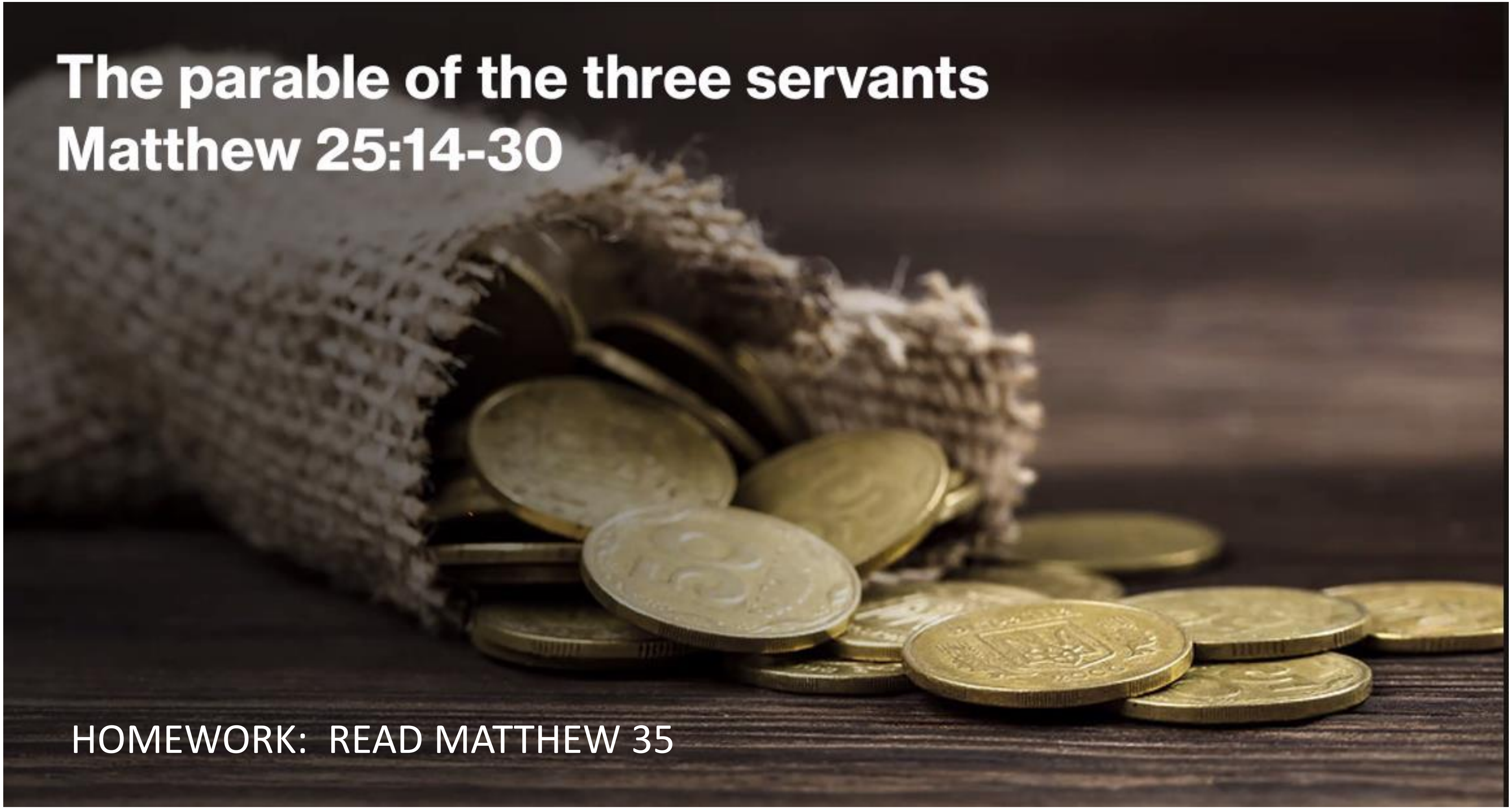
I tell you the truth, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns.

But what if the servant is evil and thinks, ‘My master won’t be back for a while,’

and he begins beating the other servants, partying, and getting drunk?

The master will return unannounced and unexpected,

and he will cut the servant to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.


The parable of the three servants
Matthew 25:14-30
HOMEWORK: READ MATTHEW 35

What we need to know in order to be profitable

- Each servant knew the master
- He gave to all his servants
- They all received something from the master
- They knew exactly what the master gave them
- They knew their amounts were different
- They all were given time for action
- They all had to answer and give a report.