

# Parable of the Talents

(Based on Matthew 25:14-30)

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Jesus told his disciples a parable. "A man was going to another country so before he left, he gave one servant five pieces of gold, another servant two pieces of gold and to the last servant he gave one piece of gold. He gave each, just as much as they could handle.

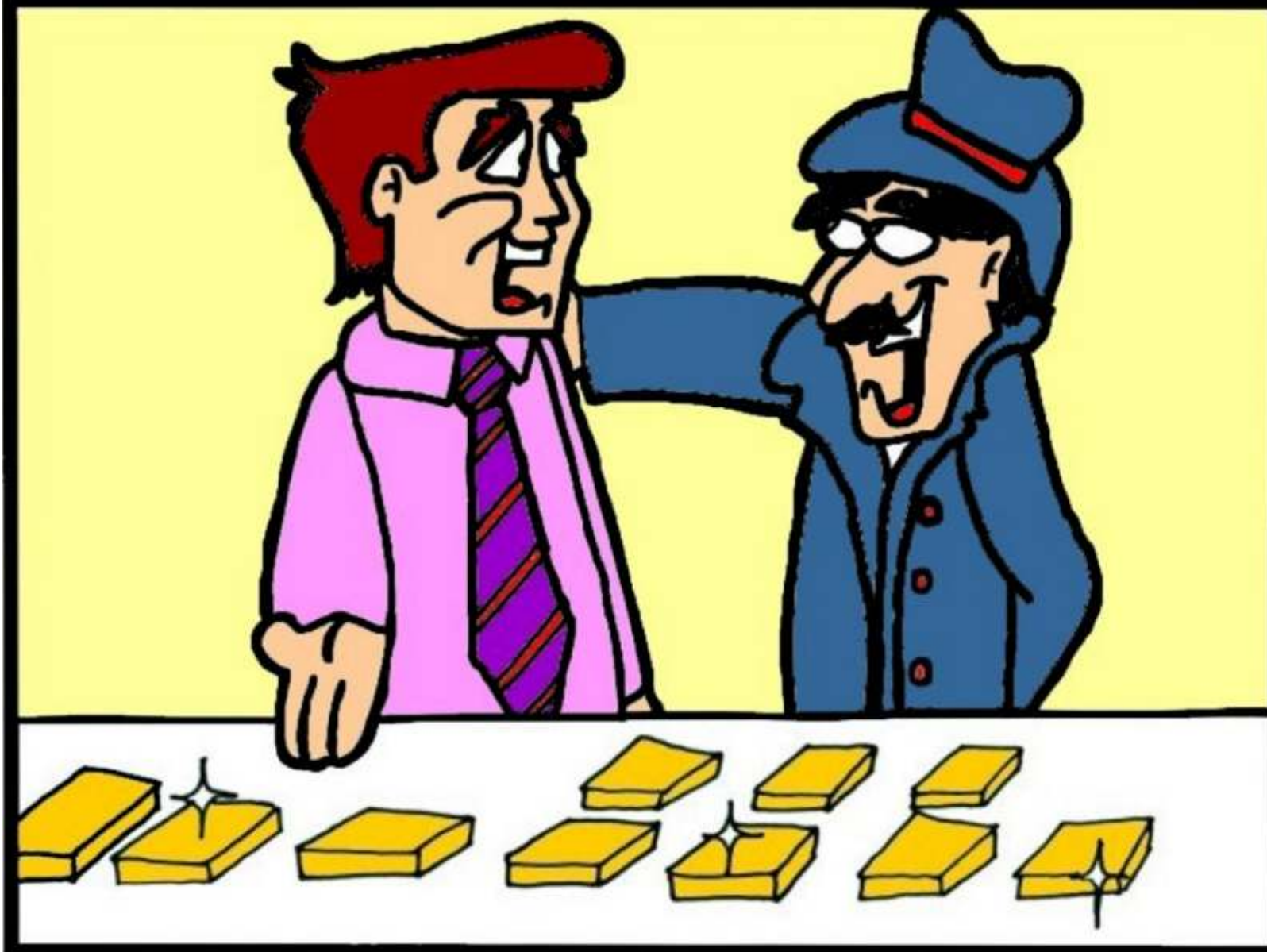


Immediately the servant with five pieces of gold did business. He used them for trading and before long he had five more pieces of gold! In the same way the servant that had received the two pieces of gold, gained two more pieces.





But the servant who had received the one piece of gold, went and dug a hole in the ground. Then he hid the piece of gold in the hole.



After a long time the boss returned. 'Look boss, said the first servant. You gave me five pieces of gold and now I have five more!' The boss was happy and answered, 'You did a good job with a little bit so I will give you many things to take care of.'



‘Look boss!’ said the second servant. ‘You gave me two pieces of gold and now I have two more.’ The boss was happy and answered, ‘You did a good job with a little so I will give you many things to take care of.’



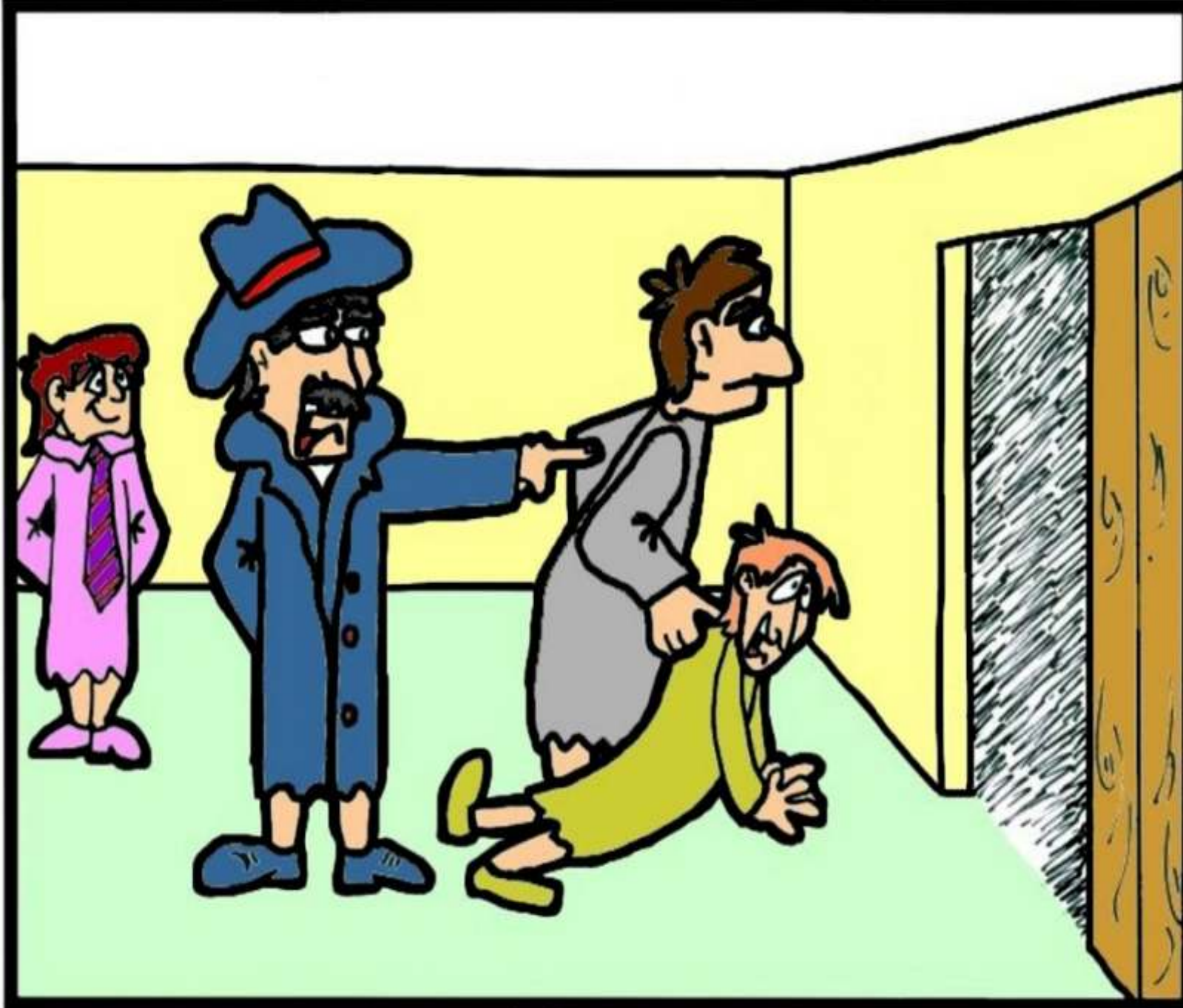


The third servant came to the boss. He said, 'I know that you are a hard man. You get stuff and you didn't work for it. I was afraid and I hid your piece of gold in the ground. Here you can have it back!'



‘You bad and lazy servant!’ answered the boss. ‘You should have put my money in the bank so that when I came back, I at least would have interest on my money!’





‘Take the gold from him and give it to the man with the five pieces of gold. Throw this good-for-nothing servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and grinding of teeth.’”



Lord, help me not to be lazy but busy using my gifts and talents to be a blessing in your kingdom.