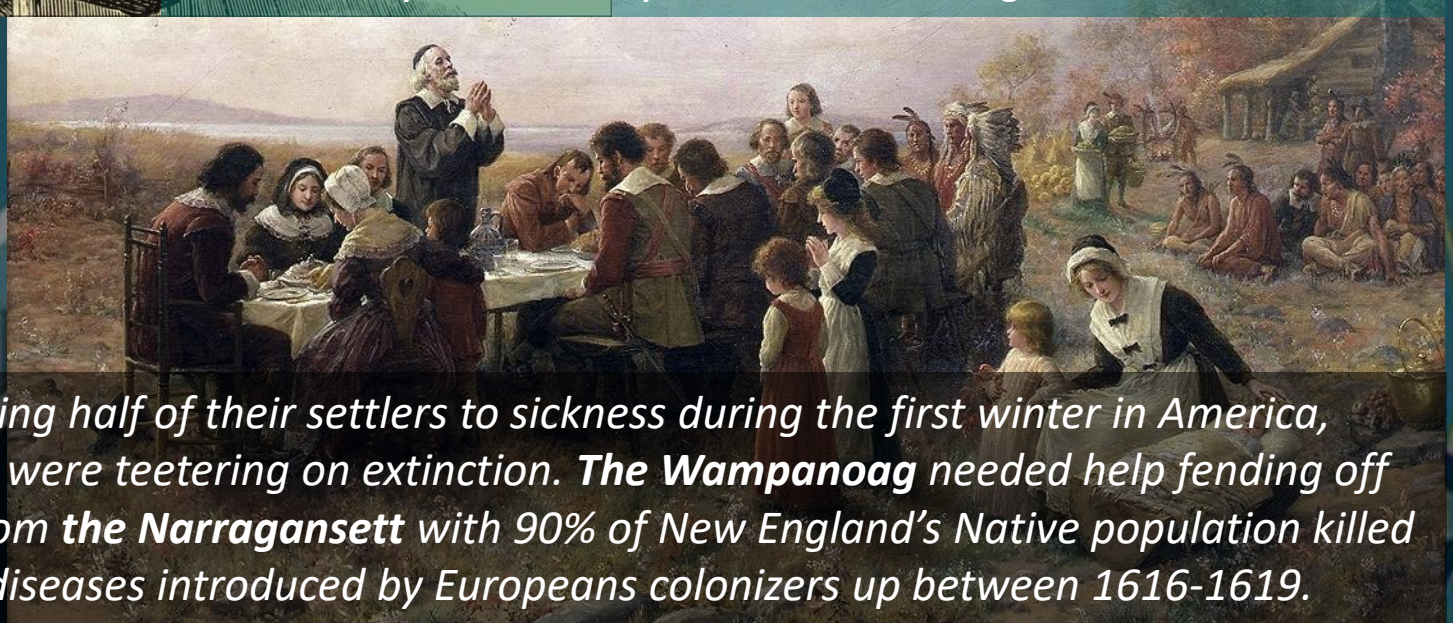


*“How to Tell the Thanksgiving Story on its 400th Anniversary?”
by David Kindy, Smithsonian Magazine, Nov. 23, 2021*



After losing half of their settlers to sickness during the first winter in America, the English were teetering on extinction. The Wampanoag needed help fending off incursions from the Narragansett with 90% of New England’s Native population killed by the diseases introduced by European colonizers up between 1616-1619.

No. 34. Count Your Blessings.

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WORDS AND MUSIC

1. When up-on life's bil-lows you are tempest toss'd, When you are dis-
2. Are you ev - er burden'd with a load of care? Does the cross seem
3. When you look at others with their lands and gold, Think that Christ has
4. So a - mid the conflict, whether great or small, Do not be dis-

couraged, thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings, name them
heav - y you are called to bear? Count your many blessings, ev - 'ry
promised you His wealth un - told, Count your many blessings, mon - ey
couraged, God is o - ver all; Count your many blessings, an - gels

one by one, And it will surprise you, what the Lord hath done.
doubt will fly, And you will be sing - ing as the days go by.
can - not buy Your re - ward in heav - en, nor your home on high.
will at - tend, Help and comfort give you to your jour - ney's end.

CHORUS.

Count your blessings, Name them one by one, Count your
Count your many bless - ings, Name them one by one, Count your man - y

blessings, See what God hath done, Count your blessings,
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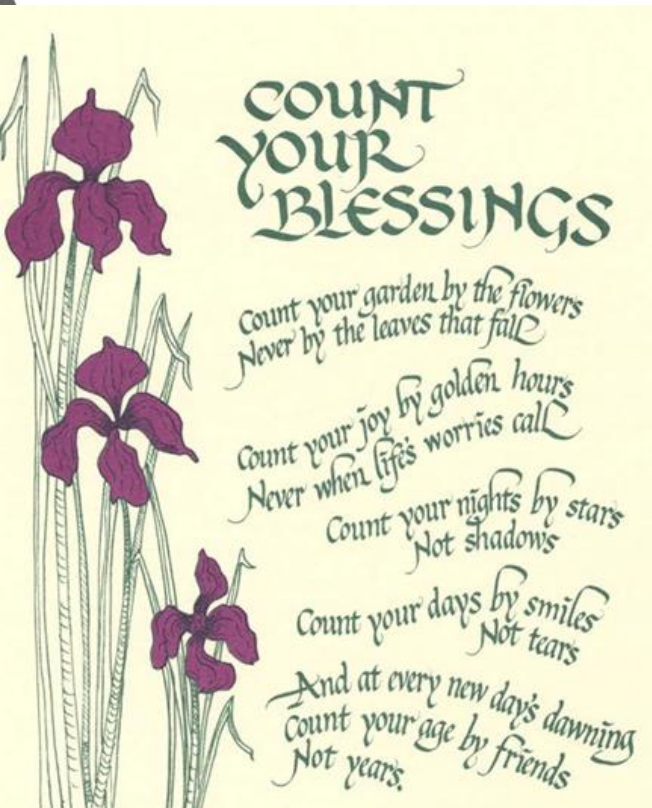
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Count Your Blessings!

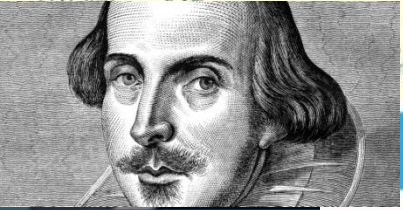


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Faithful & Effective

Matthew 25:14-30

God Entrusted You w. Many Blessings

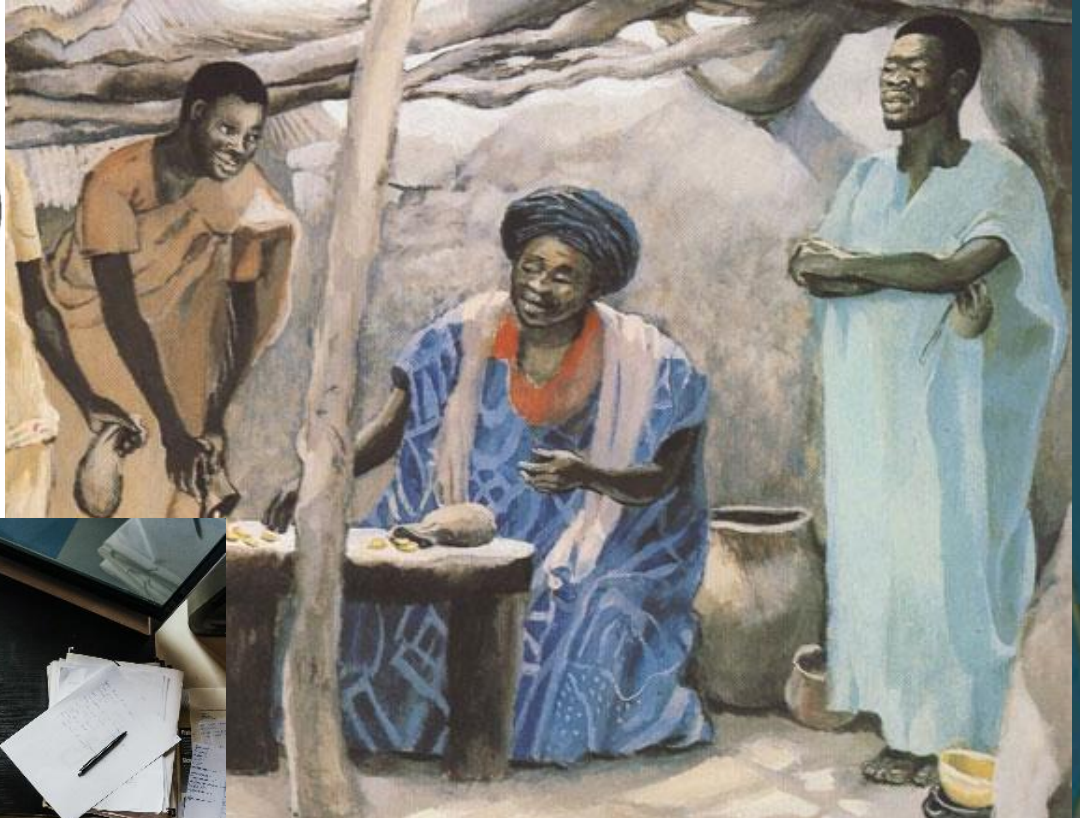
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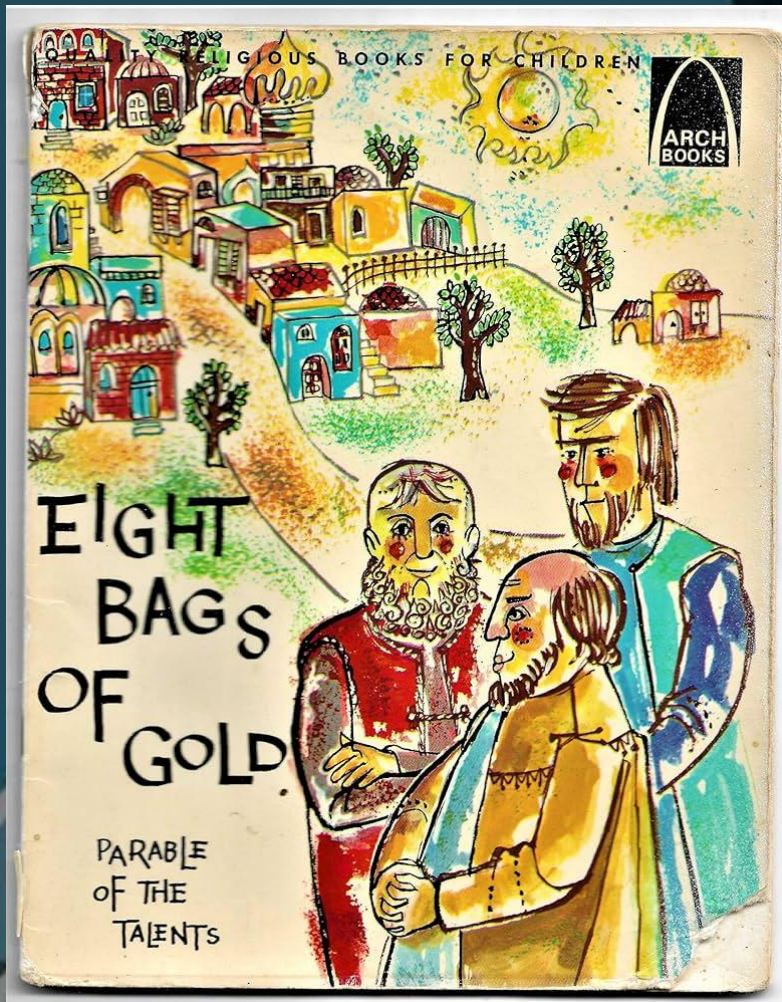
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Life time gross income for American males: \$1.13M to \$3.05M

\$510K – \$1.86 M for women. Frank Russo, First Republic Bank

Matthew 25:14-30

Entrusted according to your Ability



For there is

no partiality

with God

Romans 2:11

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Matthew 25:14-30

The Master Returns.

"Eschatological Discourse" in Matthew
Matthew 24:1-25:46



*Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. ... As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be **the sign** of your coming and of the end of the age?" (Matt. 24:1, 3)*

Matthew 25:14-30

He Settles Accounts with You.

Well done,
good and
faithful
servant.

Matthew 25:21



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?'

Matt. 25:26

Matthew 25:14-30

Are You Faithful to the Talents?

"You will learn a lot and be very glad you read this."

—Michael P. Farris, President and CEO, Alliance Defending Freedom

Your Finances

GOD'S WAY



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Scott LaPierre

- **Everything belongs to God.**
(Deuteronomy 10:14; Psalm 50:10-11)
- **God's possessions include all the wealth throughout the history.** (Haggai 2:8)
- **God does not overestimate or underestimate our abilities.** (John 2:24-25)
- **Do you trust in God?**

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Part 7. Celebrate the Effective Works of the Lord

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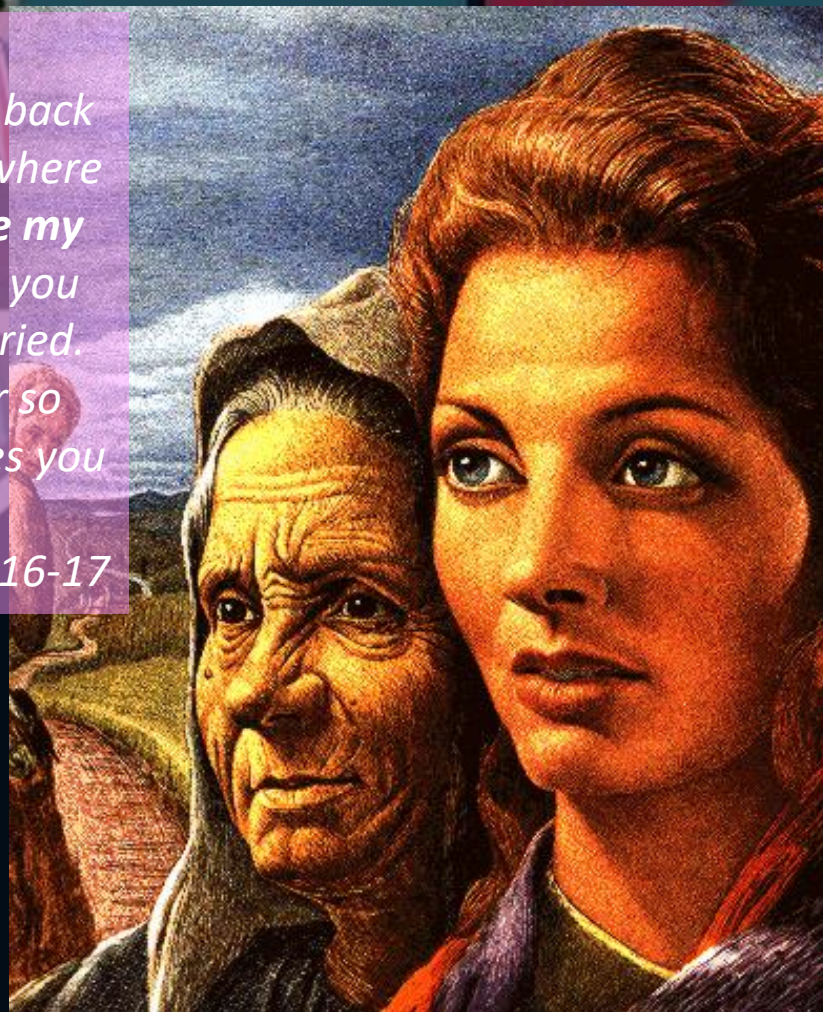
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But **Ruth** replied,

“Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. **Your people will be my people and your God my God.** Where you will die I will die, and there I will be buried.

May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me.”

Ruth 1:16-17



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When God gives you
a new beginning, it starts
with an ending. Be
thankful for closed doors.
They often guide us
to the right one!

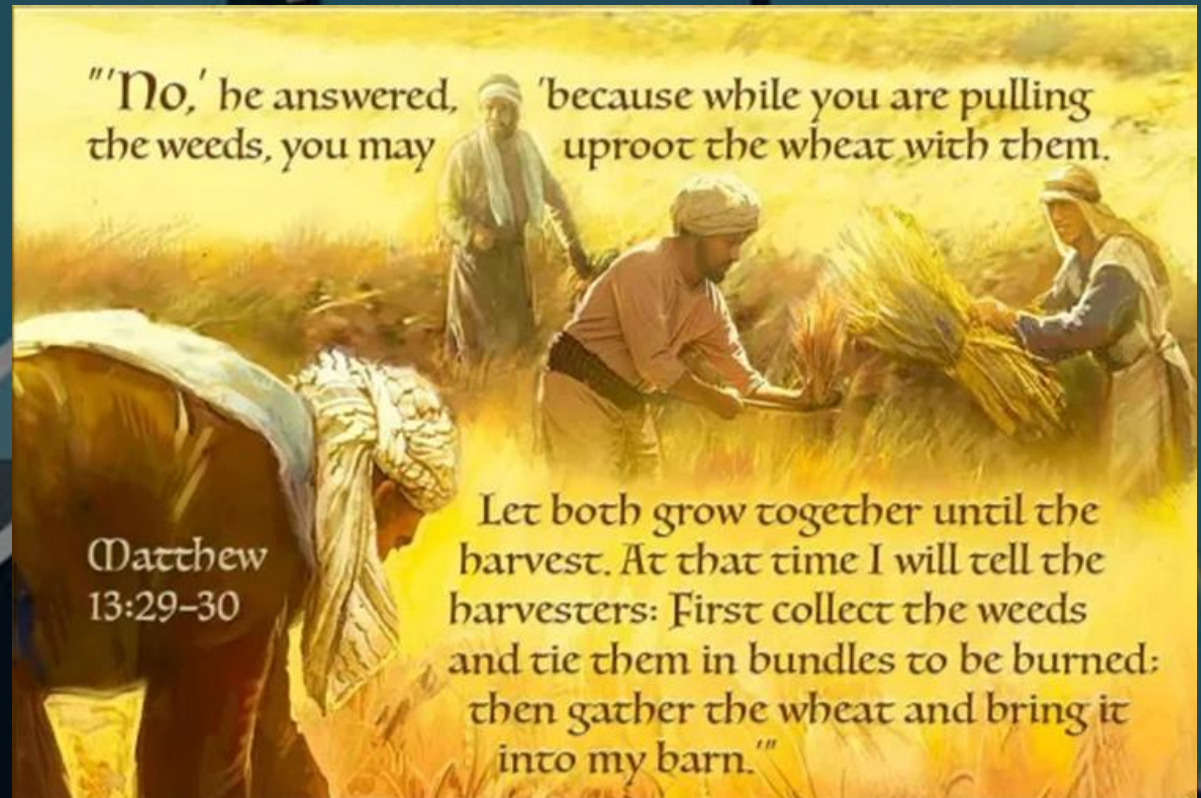
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1. You have come as the harvest is beginning.
2. “Throw worthless servant outside into the darkness.”

A man in a dark suit and red tie stands on a white staircase that leads up to a dark platform. On the platform, a red flag with a white dollar sign (\$) is flying. To the right, a person is climbing a rope that goes over the edge of the platform. The background is a dark blue sky with a few white clouds.

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Then Peter came to Jesus and asked,
“Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother
when he sins against me? Up to seven times?
*Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but
seventy-seven times.”*

“Therefore, the Kingdom of heaven is like **a king
who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.**

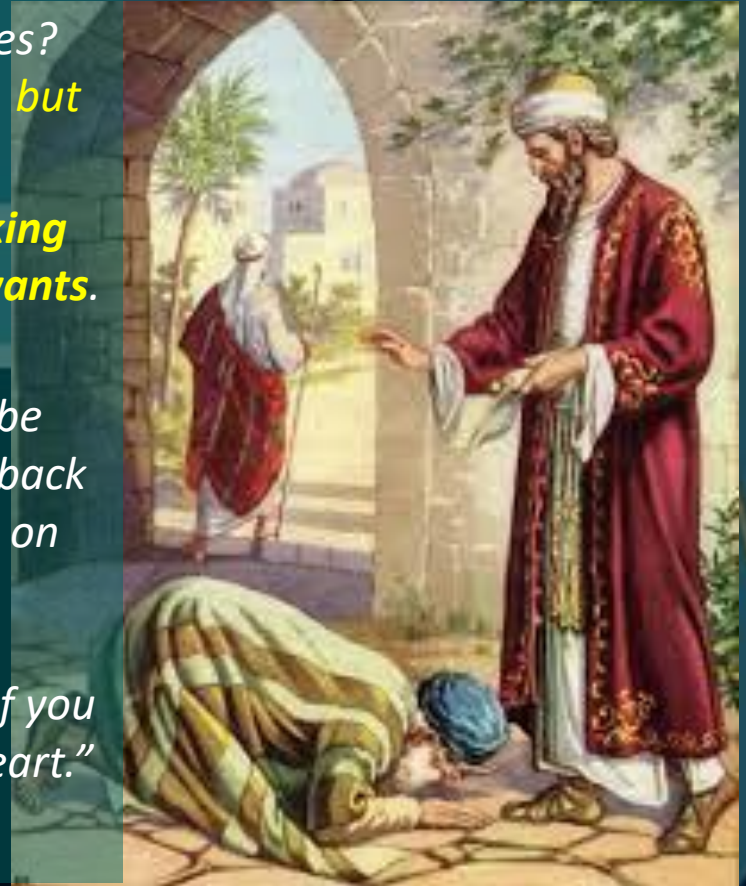
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The servant fell on his knees before him, ‘be
patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back
everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on
him, cancelled the debt, and let him go.

...

This is how heavenly Father will treat each of you
unless you forgive your brother from your heart.”

Matthew 18:21-35



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2. “Throw worthless servant outside into the darkness.”




He who comes...

After a long time ...

The master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

Matthew 25:19.

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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!'

Matthew 25:21

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