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SYNOPSIS: Contestants get varying sums of money and one year to make their funds grow. The loser kept his one hundred dollars in a lockbox and had to turn it over to the winner, who doubled his million when he bought property.

BIBLE VERSE: Matthew 25:14-30

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(1 male, 4 either, 2+ extras)

HOST (m/f)..... Emcees the game show.
(33 lines)

MARSHALL/MARCIA EGGHEAD (m/f) .. Contestant 1. (6 lines)

BIFFY/BUFFY BRAWN (m/f) Contestant 2. (3 lines)

DIMMY LUMP (m)..... Contestant 3. (7 lines)

NARRATOR (m/f) Introduces and concludes the
performance. (3 lines)

NOTE: The Studio Audience may be as many or as few as desired. It could be comprised of the contestants plus a few more.

DURATION: 10 minutes

SETTING: The set of a game show.

TIME: Present.

SET

Set up enough chairs for each member of the Studio Audience and the NARRATOR at the rear of the stage. Otherwise the stage can be bare, or you may hang up a sign saying, "Let's Make Some Dough!"

COSTUMES

The Studio Audience should dress in crazy costumes (as on the TV show *Let's Make a Deal*). Host may wear a suit. Marshall and Biffy should dress for success—Dimmy, not so much.

PROPS

- ☐ Microphone
- ☐ Notecard
- ☐ Three envelopes
- ☐ Lockbox

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Parables are earthly stories intended to reveal a heavenly meaning. They are by nature stories that people could relate to and which would inspire questions and discussion, thus providing the opportunity for revelation of the truth. We have brought these parables into present time where the listener can relate and once again ask questions, which will reveal the true meaning.

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PARABLE: ¹⁴Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To 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. ¹⁶The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The 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." ²¹His 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!" ²²The 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." ²³His 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!" ²⁴Then 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. ²⁵So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you." ²⁶His 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? ²⁷Well 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. ²⁹For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (*Matthew 25:14-30*).



SCENE 1

AT START: *NARRATOR enters.*

NARRATOR: In Jesus' earthly ministry, he often spoke in parables. One of his most interesting parables is in Matthew chapter twenty-five, the Parable of the Talents. (*Reads Matthew 25:14-30.*) I've often felt sorry for the third servant. After all, nobody likes to get thrown into outer darkness, and that "gnashing of teeth" business seems kind of extreme. Did he really deserve to be treated that way? Was he really such a loser? Let's slip into the audience of a modern-day game show to learn more about winners and losers.

NARRATOR sits in one of the chairs while the Studio Audience and MARSHALL, BIFFY, and DIMMY noisily enter and sit down.

STUDIO AUDIENCE: (*As soon as they are all seated, they begin chanting together.*) Let's make some dough! Let's make some dough! Let's make some dough!

HOST bounds onto the stage holding his microphone and three envelopes. The STUDIO AUDIENCE claps and cheers.

HOST: Ladieeeeees and gentlemen! Are you ready to...

STUDIO AUDIENCE: (*Shouting together, with a slight pause between each word.*) Make—some—dough! (*Applause and cheering.*)

HOST: Yes, sireeee! The name of the game is *Let's Make Some Dough*, and three lucky contestants will be given wads of cash, lotsa loot, mucho money, to see if they can make their investment groooow into even more dough!

STUDIO AUDIENCE cheers.

HOST: (*Takes notecard out of his pocket and reads it.*) And our first fortunate financier is... Marshall Egghead! Come on down!

STUDIO AUDIENCE claps and cheers as MARSHALL jumps up, waves his arms in the air, runs to the front of the stage, and shakes hands with the HOST. They stand side by side. HOST puts the microphone in front of MARSHALL'S mouth when he speaks. He will repeat this for all the CONTESTANTS whenever they speak.

HOST: Marshall! Are you ready to make some dough?

MARSHALL: Yes, yes, definitely.

HOST: Tell us a little about yourself.

MARSHALL: Well, I'm a senior accountant at a local brokerage firm, an adjunct professor in the school of business, and an investment counselor.

HOST: I'd say you're qualified to go for the dough! Dough-re-mi! There's no business like dough business!

MARSHALL: *(Disdainfully.)* Did your mother feed you a lot of corn?

HOST: Oh, ho! A sassy one. I like that! Let's move on to contestant number two. Our next master of moolah is... *(Looks at the notecard.)* Biffy Brawn! Come on down!

BIFFY squeals, runs up to the HOST, and jumps up and down, very excited.

HOST: Biffy! I can see you've got a lot of energy!

BIFFY: *(Still jumping.)* Oh yes, oh yes. I'm a runner, a cyclist, a weightlifter, and an aerobics instructor!

HOST: Careful! This stage isn't a trampoline!

STUDIO AUDIENCE laughs.

HOST: OK, Biffy, calm down. Our final contestant for the money is... *(Looks at card.)* Dimmy Lump!

DIMMY is sitting with his mouth open. He doesn't realize his name has been called until the person beside him shakes him. He gets up slowly with his hand over his mouth and goes to stand beside MARSHALL and BIFFY.

HOST: So Dimmy, are you ready to make some dough?

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DIMMY: (*Dumbfounded.*) Huh? Oh, yeah! I like this show! I watch it all the time!

HOST: You watch a lot of television?

DIMMY: Oh, yeah. Yeah, I do. Let's make some duhhhh...

HOST: Dough.

DIMMY: Duhhhh.

HOST: Dough!

DIMMY: Duhhhh, dough.

HOST: Duhhhh, (*Shakes his head and slaps himself in the face.*) Dough!

STUDIO AUDIENCE laughs.

HOST: (*Holds up the three envelopes.*) Marshall, Biffy, and Dimmy, these three envelopes hold predetermined amounts of money to be given to each of you, to see how well you can use it. Remember, it's not the amount of money that's important, it's what you do with it. Do you understand?

MARSHALL, BIFFY, and DIMMY nod.

HOST: Envelope number one containing one million dollars goes to... Marshall Egghead!

HOST hands MARSHALL the envelope. MARSHALL nods.

HOST: Envelope number two, with the amount of five hundred thousand dollars, goes to Biffy Brawn!

HOST hands BIFFY the envelope. BIFFY nods.

HOST: The third envelope contains one hundred dollars, and it goes to Dimmy Lump.

HOST hands DIMMY the envelope. DIMMY looks confused.

HOST: Now the game begins! Your task is to use your dough to make more dough! Can you do it? You have exactly one year. One year from today, you are to come back and tell us what you've done with what you've been given. Let's go and...

STUDIO AUDIENCE: (*Shouting.*) Make—some—dough!

HOST, MARSHALL, BIFFY, and DIMMY exit as STUDIO AUDIENCE applauds, cheering. Lights dim. A short musical interlude may be played, if desired.

SCENE 2

AT START: *Lights up.*

NARRATOR: (*Rises from chair and stands at center stage.*) Our three contestants, like the three servants in the parable, have been given various sums of money. Just as in the parable, there comes a day of reckoning. What marvelous magic has Marshall made with his million dollars? And has Biffy's bountiful five hundred thousand brought big blessings? And what about Dimmy? Only one hundred dollars? (*Shakes his head.*) I'm concerned. Let's see if they've made their money grow.

HOST runs onto stage and does a little dance as STUDIO AUDIENCE cheers.

HOST: Are you ready to...

STUDIO AUDIENCE: (*Shouting.*) Make—some—dough!

HOST: It's been a year, and our three bankroll buddies are back. Let's hear it for... Marshall Egghead!

MARSHALL enters, waving.

HOST: Marshall, you've had one year and one million dollars. Have you made some dough?

MARSHALL: (*Proudly.*) Indeed I have! I bought some property, financed the building of a luxury hotel that has not only been the source of jobs for the surrounding community, but is also bringing in profits even as we speak! In one year, with one million dollars, I have made an additional... (*Pauses.*)

HOST: Wait for it...

MARSHALL: An additional... one million dollars!

STUDIO AUDIENCE cheers, going wild.

HOST: Sensational, Marshall! You are one terrific tycoon! A champion of onstruction! An invincible investor!

MARSHALL: (*Disdainfully.*) Did your mother feed you a dictionary?

HOST: Still sassy, I see! But you've done a top-notch job with your dough. Let's see how our next investor has done. Next is Biffy Brawn!

STUDIO AUDIENCE: (*Claps and cheers together.*) Bif-fy! Bif-fy!

BIFFY comes onstage, pumping his arms and making "muscle man" poses, full of energy.

HOST: Biffy! We just can't wait to hear what you've done with your dough!

BIFFY: As you know, I'm no slouch! With five hundred thousand dollars, I bought a fishing boat, hired a crew, and went to sea!

HOST: Fishing for dollars?

BIFFY: Fishing for fish! We caught 'em, cleaned 'em, and sold 'em. And I doubled my dough!

STUDIO AUDIENCE cheers. MARSHALL nods approvingly.

HOST: Outstanding! Way to go, Biffy! You and Marshall have tied for the lead! Our final contestant, Dimmy Lump, is here, I see.

DIMMY walks onstage carrying a lockbox.

DIMMY: Yep. You gave me one hundred dollars, and here it is, all safe and sound! (*Hands HOST the lockbox.*)

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