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"So, **take the bag** of gold from him and **give it** to the one who has ten bags. For 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. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" **Matthew 25:28-30** (NIV)

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