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The Parable of the Talents



Matthew 25:14-30



Mt 25:14 “Again, (the kingdom of heaven at the end of the age) will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them.¹⁵ To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.



Mt 25:16 The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more.¹⁷ So also, the one with the two talents gained two more.¹⁸ But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.



Mt 25:19 “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’



Mt 25:21 “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!’”

Mt 25:22 “The man with the two talents also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’”





Mt 25:23 “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!’”



Mt 25:24 “Then the man who had received the one talent 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. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’



Mt 25:26 “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? ²⁷ Well 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.



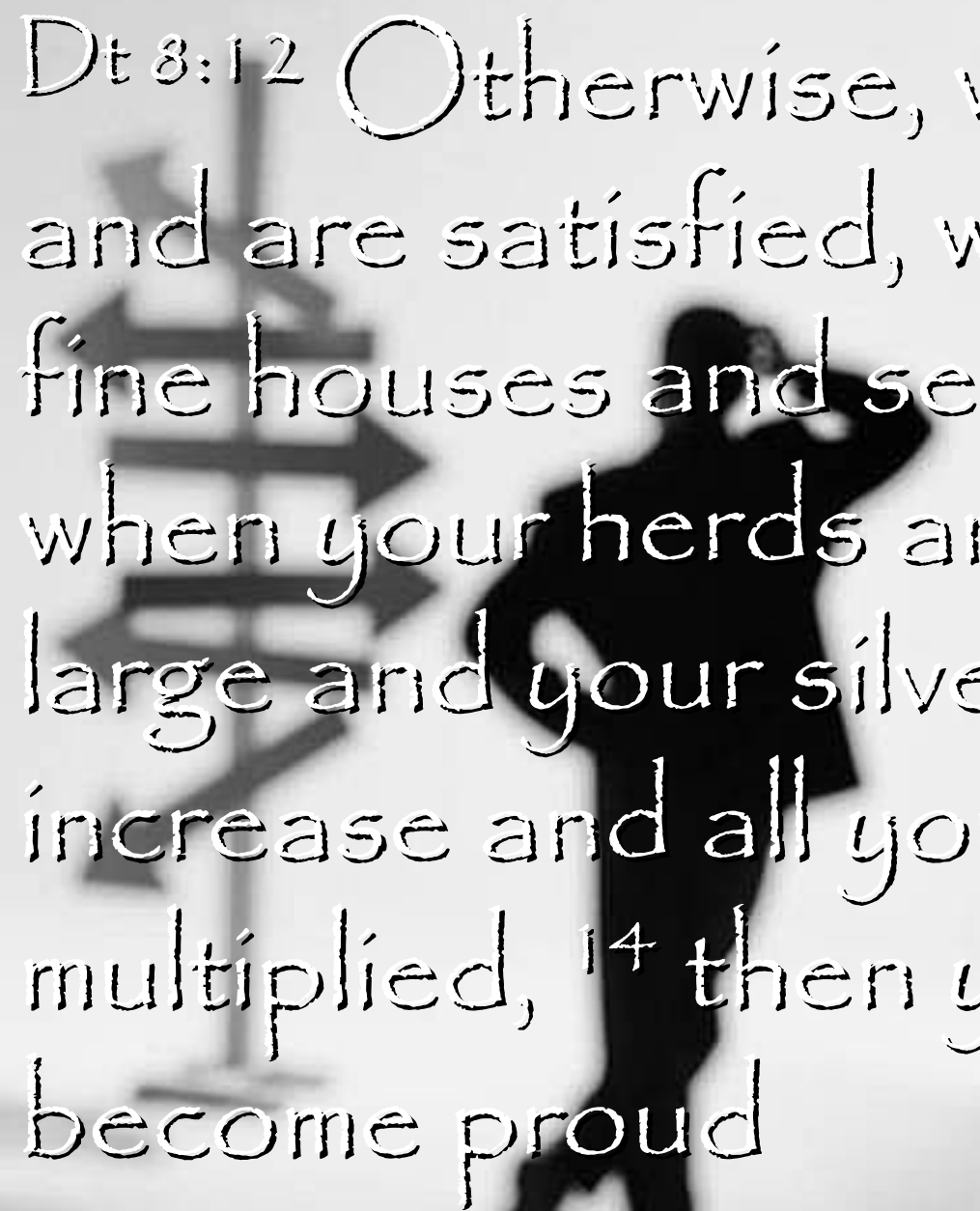
Mt 25:28 “ ‘Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.

Mt 25:30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'





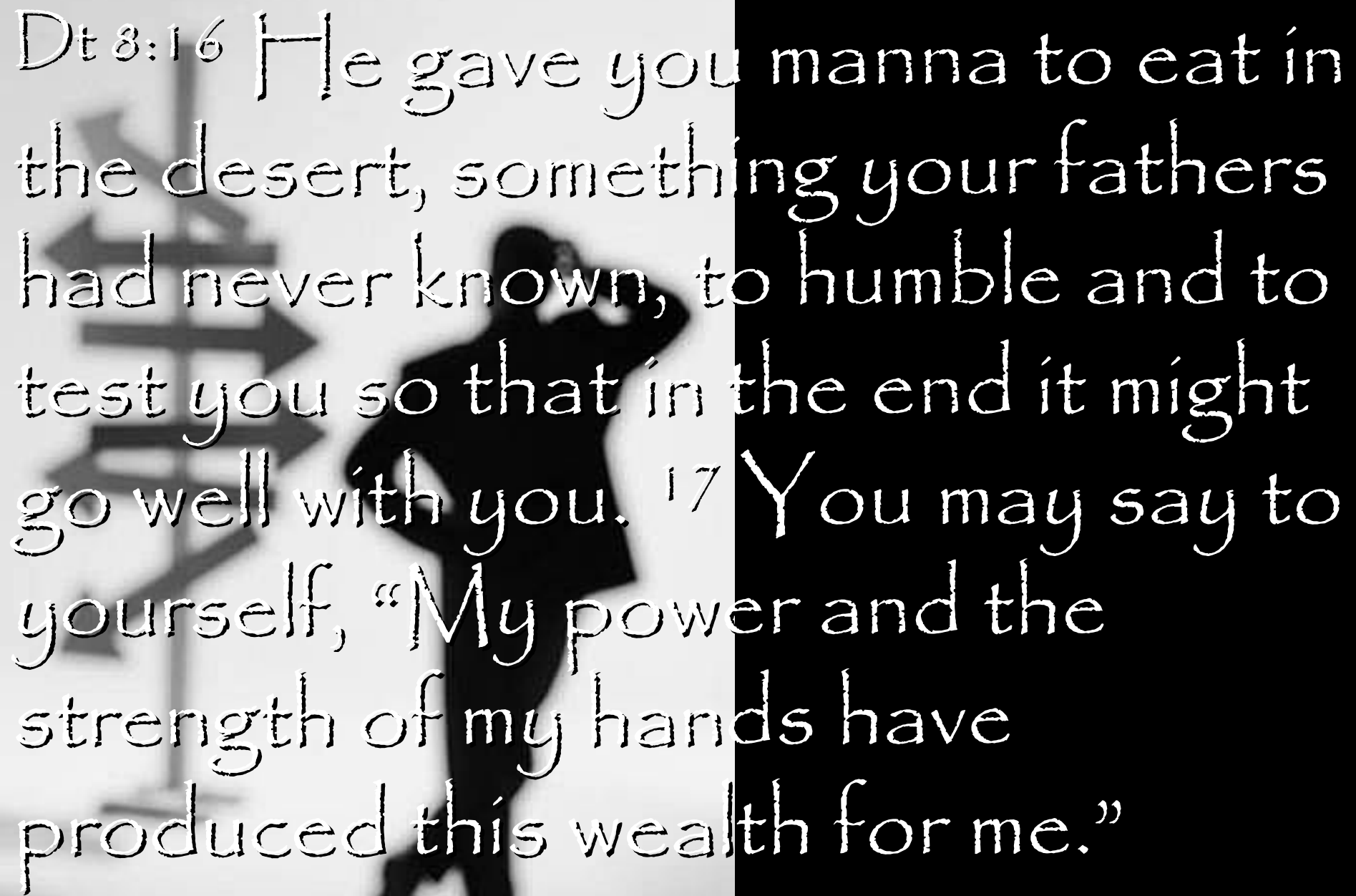
Dt 8:12 Otherwise, when you eat
and are satisfied, when you build
fine houses and settle down,¹³ and
when your herds and flocks grow
large and your silver and gold
increase and all you have is
multiplied,¹⁴ then your heart will
become proud

A silhouette of a person walking from left to right, partially obscured by a large, dark sign with a white right-pointing arrow. The background is a light, hazy outdoor setting.

A silhouette of a man in a suit walking through a hallway. The hallway is filled with arrows pointing in various directions, some towards the man and some away from him. The background is a gradient from light to dark.

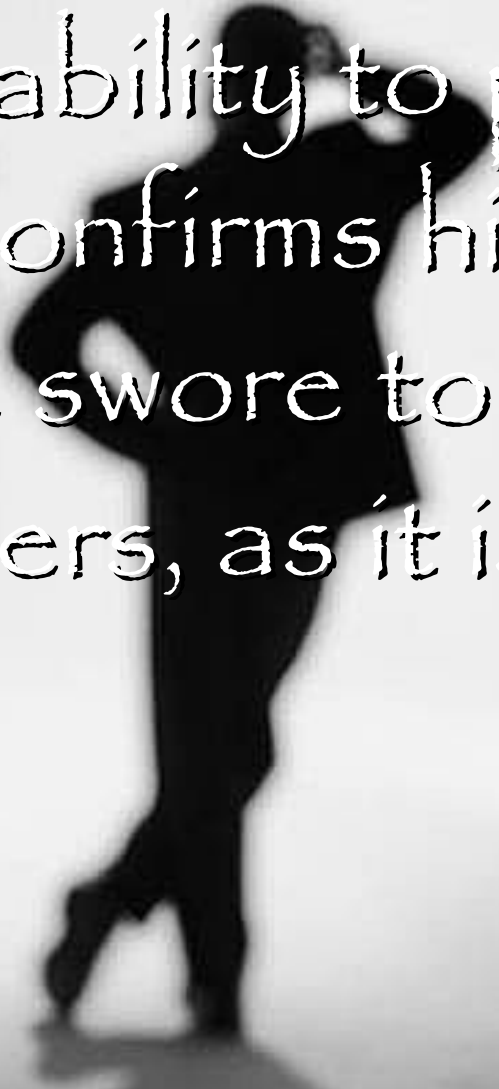
and you will forget the LORD
your God, who brought you out of
Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Dt 8:15 He led you through the vast
and dreadful desert, that thirsty
and waterless land, with its
venomous snakes and scorpions.
He brought you water out of hard
rock.

A silhouette of a person stands in a hallway, looking at a large arrow pointing left. In the background, several other large arrows point in various directions, creating a sense of choice or direction. The scene is dimly lit, with the person and arrows highlighted against a dark background.

Dt 8:16 He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. 17 You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me."

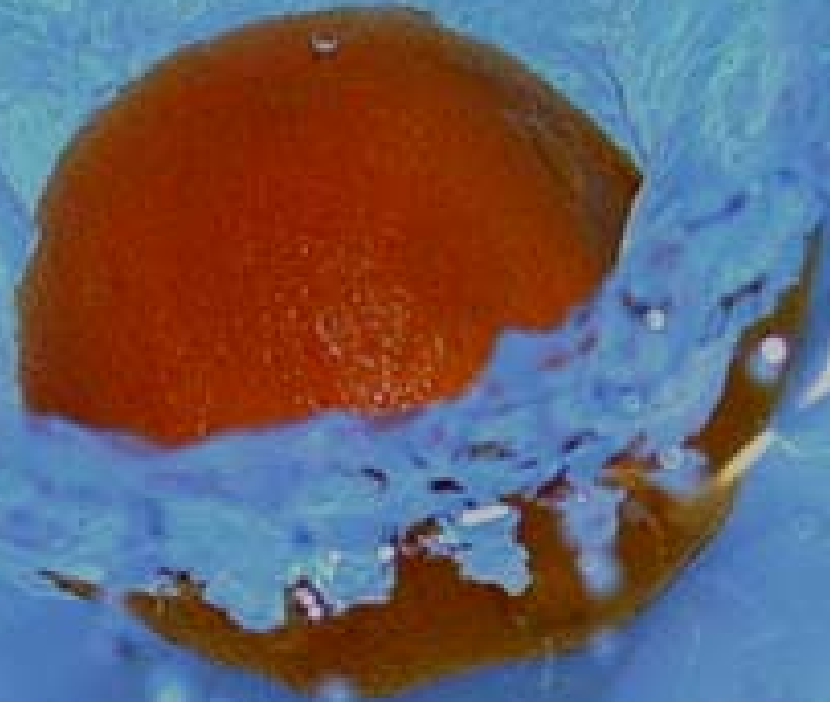
Dt 8:18 But remember the LORD
your God, for it is he who gives
you the ability to produce wealth,
and so confirms his covenant,
which he swore to your
forefathers, as it is today.





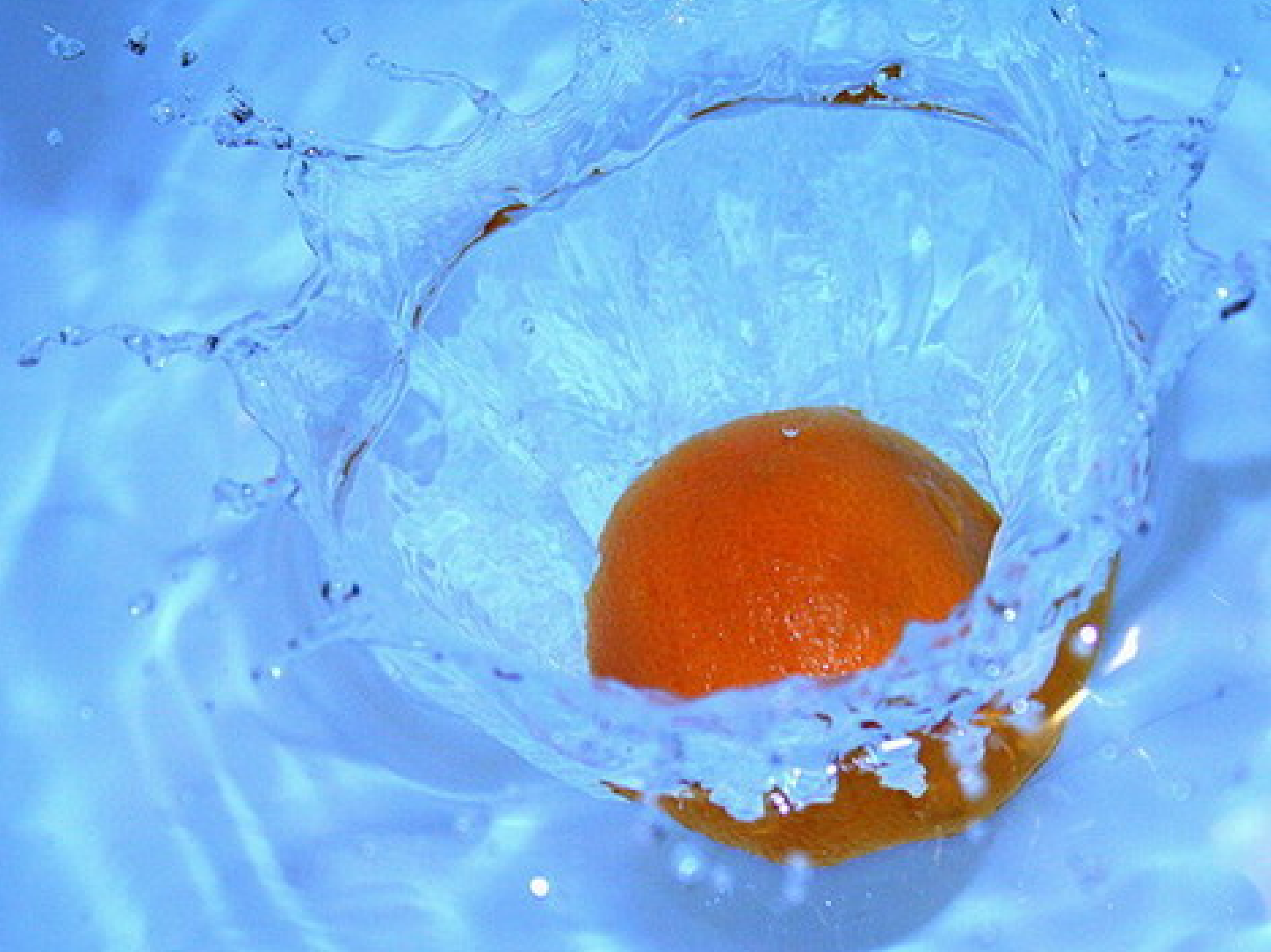
Memory verse:

Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and...



Memory verse:

Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord



“Refresh”



Messages that will refresh your life
right where you need it.

*"Teaching, like rain out of heaven,
showers of words to refresh and
nourish your soul..." Joel 2:23 MSG*



A close-up photograph of a woman's hands clasped in prayer. She is wearing a gold chain with a large gold dollar sign pendant. The background is a blurred image of her face.

Question:


**How do I stop
worrying about
money?**

“58 percent of married men, 66 percent of married women, and 87 percent of single mothers list



Financial refresher from God:

**1. Remember God
blesses me with
money, but money can
tempt me to forget
God.**



Deuteronomy 8:10-13

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

2. Money is a test, not a score.

Use it to show God how much you love him.



*Mt 6:24, 31, 19:24,
Mk 12:43, Lk 6:20, 12:13, 12:16-21, 16:9,*

**3. Put God first
in the good times,
don't wait for the bad
times.**

Answer:

**Turn my fascination
from money to God.**

*Pr 11:25 A generous man will prosper;
he who refreshes others
will himself be refreshed.*

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