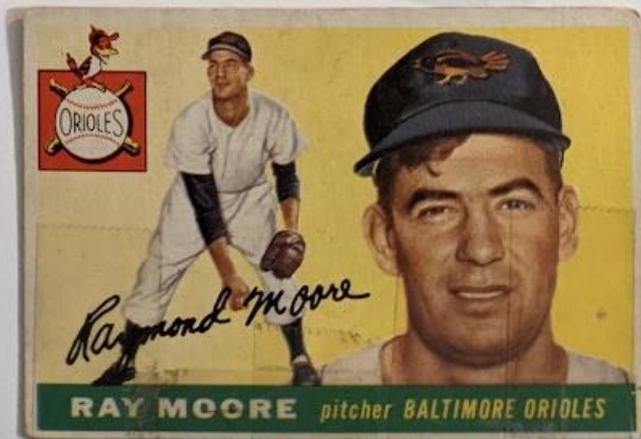
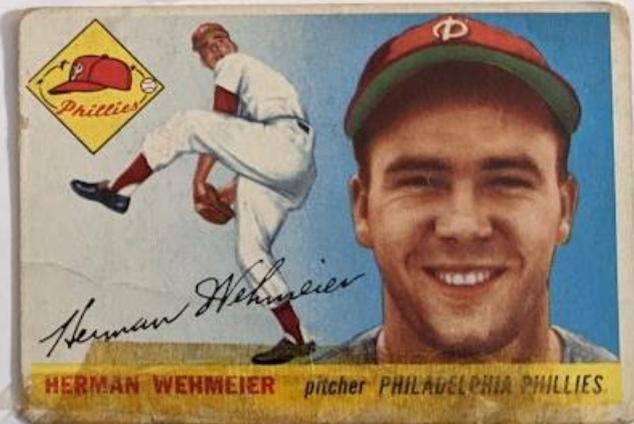
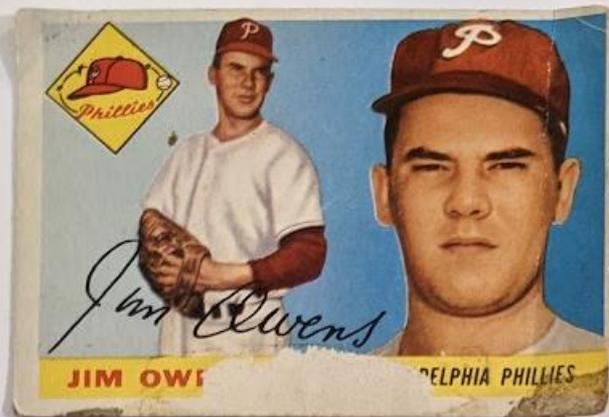


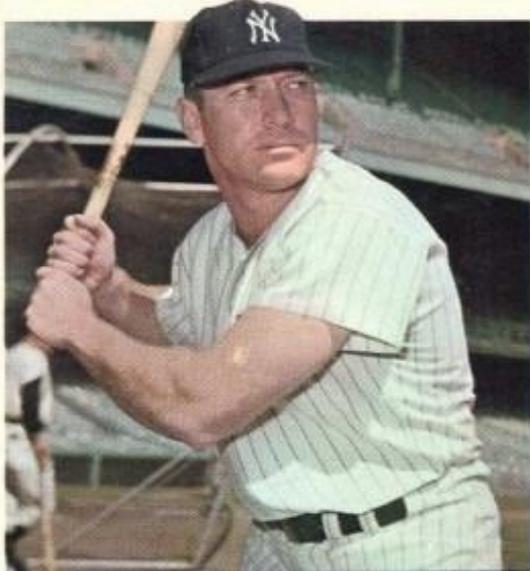
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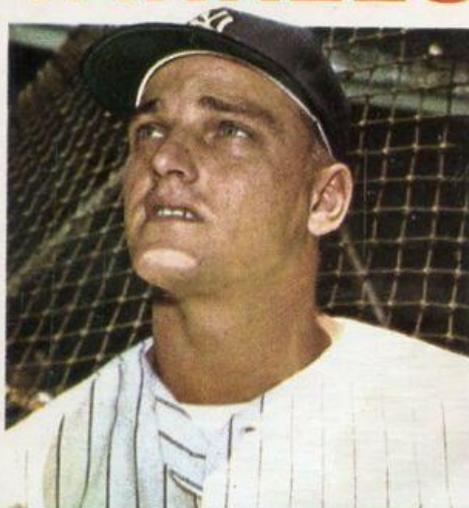


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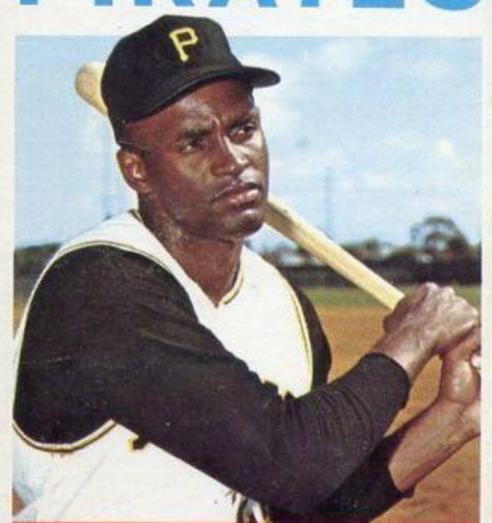
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For it is just like a man about to go on a journey. He called his own servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to another one talent, depending on each one's ability. Then he went on a journey.

Matthew 25: 14-15

Immediately the man who had received five talents went, put them to work, and earned five more. In the same way the man with two earned two more. But the man who had received one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money.

Matthew 25:16-18

After a long time, the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

Matthew 25:19

Matthew 25:20-23

The man who had received five talents approached, presented five more talents, and said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I've earned five more talents.'

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master's joy.'

Matthew 25:20-23

The man with two talents also approached. He said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I've earned two more talents.'

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master's joy.'

The man who had received one talent also approached and said, 'Master, I know you. You're a harsh man, reaping where you haven't sown and gathering where you haven't scattered seed. So, I was afraid and went off and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.'

Matthew 25:24-25

His master replied to him, 'You evil, lazy servant! If you knew that I reap where I haven't sown and gather where I haven't scattered, then you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and I would have received my money back with interest when I returned.' "So, take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten talents.

Matthew 25:26-28

For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have more than enough. But from the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. And throw this good-for-nothing servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Matthew 25:29-30

God owns it all

For it is just like a man about to go on a journey. He called his own servants and entrusted his possessions to them.

Matthew 25:14

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For every animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and everything in it is mine.

Psalm 50:10-12

God doesn't share his ownership

Be careful that you don't forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his commands, ordinances, and statutes that I am giving you today. When you eat and are full, and build beautiful houses to live in, and your herds and flocks grow large, and your silver and gold multiply, and everything else you have increases, be careful that your heart doesn't become proud and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery.

God doesn't share his ownership

You may say to yourself, 'My power and my own ability have gained this wealth for me,' but remember that the Lord your God gives you the power to gain wealth, in order to confirm his covenant, he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

Deuteronomy 8:11-14; 17-18

You and I are managers of
God's resources.

For it is just like a man about to go on a journey. He called his own servants and entrusted his possessions to them.

Matthew 25:14

God gives us the resources
we can handle

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Matthew 25:15

Jesus will return and evaluate how well we managed his resources

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For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may be repaid for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

2 Corinthians 5:10

Rewards are given for the
productive manager

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What is important to God?

- How we treat other believers (Mt:10:41-42)
- How we use our talents and abilities
(Mt. 25:14-30)
- How we use our money (Mt. 6:1-4)
- How well we endure personal injustice and being mistreated (Mt. 5:11-12)
- How we endure suffering and trials
(James 1:12)

What is important to God?

- How we spend our time (Psalm 90:9-12)
- How we run the race God has given us
(1 Cor.9:24)
- How effectively we control our fleshly appetites
(1 Cor. 9:25-27)
- How many people we witness to and win to Christ
(1 Thess. 2:19-20)
- How much we look forward to his coming and how it shapes us (2 Tim. 4:20)

What is important to God?

- How faithful we are to God's Word and God's people (2 Tim. 4:1-2)
- How hospitable we are to others (Mt. 25:35-36)
- How faithful we are in our vocations (Col. 3:22-24)
- How we support others in ministry (Mt. 10:40-42)
- How we use our tongues (Mt. 12:36; James 3:1-12)

