

Get Ready

Matthew 24:3

Matthew 25:1-13

- Jesus is the bridegroom
- The church are the virgins
 - We are waiting for the bridegroom's return
 - **Revelation 19:9**--Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."
- The Lord will return when least expected
- Lamp oil
 - Wise have oil
 - Foolish have no oil
 - Oil is the anointing of the Holy Spirit
 - Watch--actively wanting for the Lord's return

Matthew 25:14-30

- Talent = large sum of money (NIV-bags of gold)
 - Don't ever assume that Jesus is NOT talking about how you use our money. **Matthew 6:21**, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
 - Obviously this money is also an illustration of everything the Lord gives to us to use for His glory (money, time, talent)
- The Lord expects us to be productive, to use every resource He has given to us for His kingdom and for His glory.
- Laziness is wickedness! **Proverbs 24:30-34**, "I went by the field of the lazy man, And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding; And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down. When I saw it, I considered it well; I looked on it and received instruction: A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest; So shall your poverty come like a prowler, And your need like an armed man."
- **1 Peter 4:10-11**, "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God."

If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."