

Matthew 25:1-10
Parable of the Ten Virgins

1 Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.
2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.
3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,
4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept
6 “And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’
7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.
8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.
9 But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’
10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

Representation in scripture/Key points

Verse 1

- 10 Virgins/ Bridesmaids – The number 10 signifies that something is going to be measured or tested
- Lamps - Flame - of first love

Thoughts: People seemingly love God and on the surface appear to be going in the same direction.

Verse 2 - Separation

- Separation 5 foolish, 5 wise

Thought: Appearances are not what they seem

Verse 3 & 4 - Why the separation? OIL

- 5 foolish had no extra oil

- 5 wise had extra oil
- oil fills the lamps

Thought: Oil Fills the lamps and keeps them burning. Oil represents secret place and intimacy with God.

Verse 6

- “Midnight” - A new day
- “Go out” - Indication of a door

Thought: Purpose of the extra oil is to be able to be **READY** to walk through the doors that have been opened to you. You will be stepping into a new place, a new level of relationship, a new level of your call.

Verse 7

- “Trimmed” - Prepare or Make ready. You can only make prepare with what you have

Thought: Preparation is **NECESSARY**

Verse 9

- “Buy for yourselves” It costs to get extra oil.

Thought: It is important and necessary to have a one on one relationship with God. Think about Jesus Christ in the gospels who was our model for the hoarding of oil. Always going away alone to meet with the Father

Verse 10

- Door

Thought: Intimacy with God always speaks of an open door

- Open Door

FINISH STRONG

Seemingly love God have their lamps lit and going in the same direction

Keys to Finishing Strong

1. EXCESS OIL

- You have to get into that secret place for yourself - this needs to be an encounter between you and Him - stay humble - and low - that's where character is built
- How you encounter God speaks about your call and ministry to others
- Don't get too wrapped up in the call, love Jesus, love others and be oily
- Relationship and continued access to the place of intimacy with God opens up your ability to see with clarity and hear with understanding
- people want to connect and network so they can be with the right people in the right places but the easiest way is to have excess oil

2 Samuel 24:24 NKJV

Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; not will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God my God with that which costs me nothing." So, David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

2. OPEN DOOR

- Intimacy with God always speaks of a door

2 Doors -

1. Door of Intimacy
2. Door of Destiny

- Doors of intimacy always lead to doors of destiny and divine appointment
- If you are oily, God will cause you to slip through open doors I'll cause you to rocket through and blow open doors
- Too many people are trying to slip through with other people's oil

3. A NEW DAY A DIFFERENT WAY

Isaiah 43:19 NKJV

Behold I will do a new thing, It shall spring forth; Shall you not know it?
I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert

- Midnight Speaks of a New Day Some of you know God is calling you right now and you are not sure how to answer, you find yourself lacking oil
- Change Direction Some things we did in 2019, we won't be able to take into 2020. Jesus called the disciples - and they had to change direction and become "fishers of men"
- Step UP and Step OUT
- Your depth perception should be increased by now, we should be mature but still making the same old mistakes
- If you finish strong you will start the next level strong

ACTIONS

- Forgiveness and letting things go - you cannot go through to the next level of your call with those.
- Giving - it could be yourself, it could be financial, it could be something you have been withholding
- Repentance –sin, things that you have spoken over yourself and other people
- Integrity of your lips – Let your words be true. Do not overpromise and under deliver, be truthful.