

**BEING PREPARED FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD.
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Matthew 25:1-13-NLT

- 1 "Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.
- 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.
- 3 The five who were foolish didn't take enough olive oil for their lamps,
- 4 but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil.
- 5 When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
- 6 "At midnight they were roused by the shout, 'Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!'
- 7 "All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps.
- 8 Then the five foolish ones asked the others, 'Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.'
- 9 "But the others replied, 'We don't have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.'
- 10 "But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked.
- 11 Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, 'Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!'
- 12 "But he called back, 'Believe me, I don't know you!'
- 13 "So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of My return.

1. YOU MUST BE SPIRITUALLY READY!

Matthew 24:44-NLT

... You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.

Passion - So always be ready, alert, and prepared, because at an hour when you're not expecting him, the Son of Man will come."

Matthew 24:37-39-NLT

- 37 "When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day.
- 38 In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat.
- 39 People didn't realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes.

2. NO ONE CAN DO IT FOR YOU!

Romans 8:9-NLT

But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to Him at all.)

Luke 12:35-36-NLT

- 35 "Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning,
- 36 as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding feast. Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks.

3. THERE IS A TIME CALLED: "TOO LATE!"

Matthew 25:10- NLT

But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked.

Hebrews 3:12-14-CEV

- 12 My friends, watch out! *Don't let evil thoughts or doubts make any of you turn from the living God.*
- 13 *You must encourage one another each day. And you must keep on while there is still a time that can be called "today."* If you don't, then sin may fool some of you and make you stubborn.
- 14 We were sure about Christ when we first became his people. So let's hold tightly to our faith until the end.