

15 JESUS COUNSELS US TO BE WATCHFUL WHILE ANTICIPATING HIS COMING



THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

Matthew 25:1–13

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.
11. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, Lord, open to us!"
12. But he answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you."
13. Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

EXERCISE 1



One morning Tim finds a message from his best friend in the mail-box. Although he lives nearby, he does not attend the same school as Tim.

Dear Tim,
I'm coming to your house this
afternoon, but I don't know
exactly when, because I first
have to do my homework.
See you later!
Your friend
Felix

Tim is very happy when he reads the message. Think about how he will likely react to it.

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EXERCISE 2



Fill in the blank spaces with the help of the Bible text on page 12.



Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to _____
 who took their _____ and went out to meet the
 _____. Now _____ of them were
 _____, and _____ were _____.

Those who were foolish took their _____ and took no _____ with them,
 but the wise took _____ in their vessels with their lamps.



But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all _____
 and _____.

And at midnight a cry was heard: “

 _____!” Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

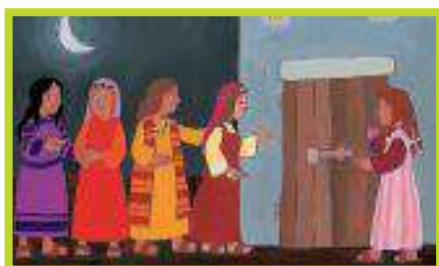


And the foolish said to the wise, “
 _____, for our lamps are _____.” But the wise
 answered, saying, “No, lest there should not be enough for us and you;
 but go rather to those who sell, and _____ yourselves.”



And while they went to buy, the _____ came,
and those who _____ went in with him to
the wedding; and the door was shut.

Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, “ _____ !”



But he answered and said,

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EXERCISE 3



With the parable, Jesus counselled those that are waiting.
Fill in the missing vowels.

W__tch th__r__f__r__, f__r y__ __ kn__w n__th__r th__ d__y n__r th__
h__r __n wh__ch th__ S__n __f m__n c__m__s

Record it below:

Later, Jesus gave His disciples an additional hint about waiting effectively.

Write it down below, using all the letters.

r a c y d h n a t W p a

(Matthew 26:41).