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LESSONS FROM THE TEN VIRGINS

MATTHEW 25:1-13

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1 “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.

4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.



**Matthew
25:1-13
NIV**

5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

6 “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

7 “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps.

8 The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’



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9 “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

10 “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

11 “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’



Matthew
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12 “But he replied,
‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

13 “Therefore keep watch, because
you do not know the day or the
hour.”

Matthew
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NIV



1. Be Prepared:

We need to be ready for Christ's return, for the Angel to sound the Trumpet Call to announce Jesus' glorious return.

Matthew 24:36 NLT

“However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.

Matthew 25:13

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”



2. Faith Requires Action:

Proverbs 14:15 (NIV)

"The prudent consider their steps."

Luke 14:28

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?"



2a) Live Your Faith Through Action:

Faith without good deeds is useless

- **James 2:20**

Faith without actions is dead

- **James 2:26**



Matthew 6:19-21

Treasures in Heaven

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.

20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroy and where thieves do not break in nor steal,

21 for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



It is not wrong to provide for your family, and invest in your financial future, but let us invest our Money, Time and Life first in the Kingdom of God.

Mark 8:36

For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?

Matthew 6:33-34

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be given to you.

34 Therefore, take no thought about tomorrow, for tomorrow will take thought about the things of itself. Sufficient to the day is the trouble thereof.



3. Consequences of Being Unprepared:

Proverbs 6:6-8 (NIV)

**"Go to the ant, you sluggard;
consider its ways and be wise! It
has no commander, no overseer or
ruler, yet it stores its provisions in
summer and gathers its food at
harvest."**



3a) Proactive Planning for Long-Term Goals:

Pentecost Sunday

The Parable of the Ten Virgins and Pentecost Sunday are connected by themes of preparation and readiness for a specific thing, the coming of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:16-17 (NIV)

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper to be with you forever - even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, because he dwells with you and will be in you.”



Acts 1:4-5 (NIV)

While gathering with them, he commanded them: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you heard me speak about.

For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.”



Be Prayerprepared:

Both Pentecost and the parable of the 10 Virgins emphasise being prepared.



Alert and Watchful:

Faithfilled Action:

Focus on Ongoing Faith:





Do not be drunk with wine, for that is reckless living. But be filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18



So, what does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

- **Being guided by God:** The Holy Spirit helps us discern God's will for our lives and gives us the strength to follow it.
- **Having Christ-like character:** The Spirit produces fruit in our lives, such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).



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- **Empowerment for ministry:** The Holy Spirit equips believers with gifts to serve the church and spread the gospel (1 Corinthians 12).
- **A continual experience:** Ephesians 5:18 uses the present tense "be filled," indicating it's not a one-time event but an ongoing process of yielding to the Holy Spirit's influence.

The Oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit and Anointing.



Jesus Christ/Messiah means The Anointed one:

Mark 1:9-13

9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

11 And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”



Oil is for Anointing and Consecration:

A) Priests:

Exodus 29:21 (NIV)

"Then he took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood from the altar and sprinkled it on Aaron and his garments, on his sons and their garments. Thus he consecrated him and his garments and his sons and their garments with him."



Oil is for Anointing and Consecration:

B) Prophets:

1 Kings 19:16 (NIV)

"Go, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel and Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah as prophet to succeed you."

and



Oil is for Anointing and Consecration:

C) Kings:

1 Samuel 16:13 (NIV)

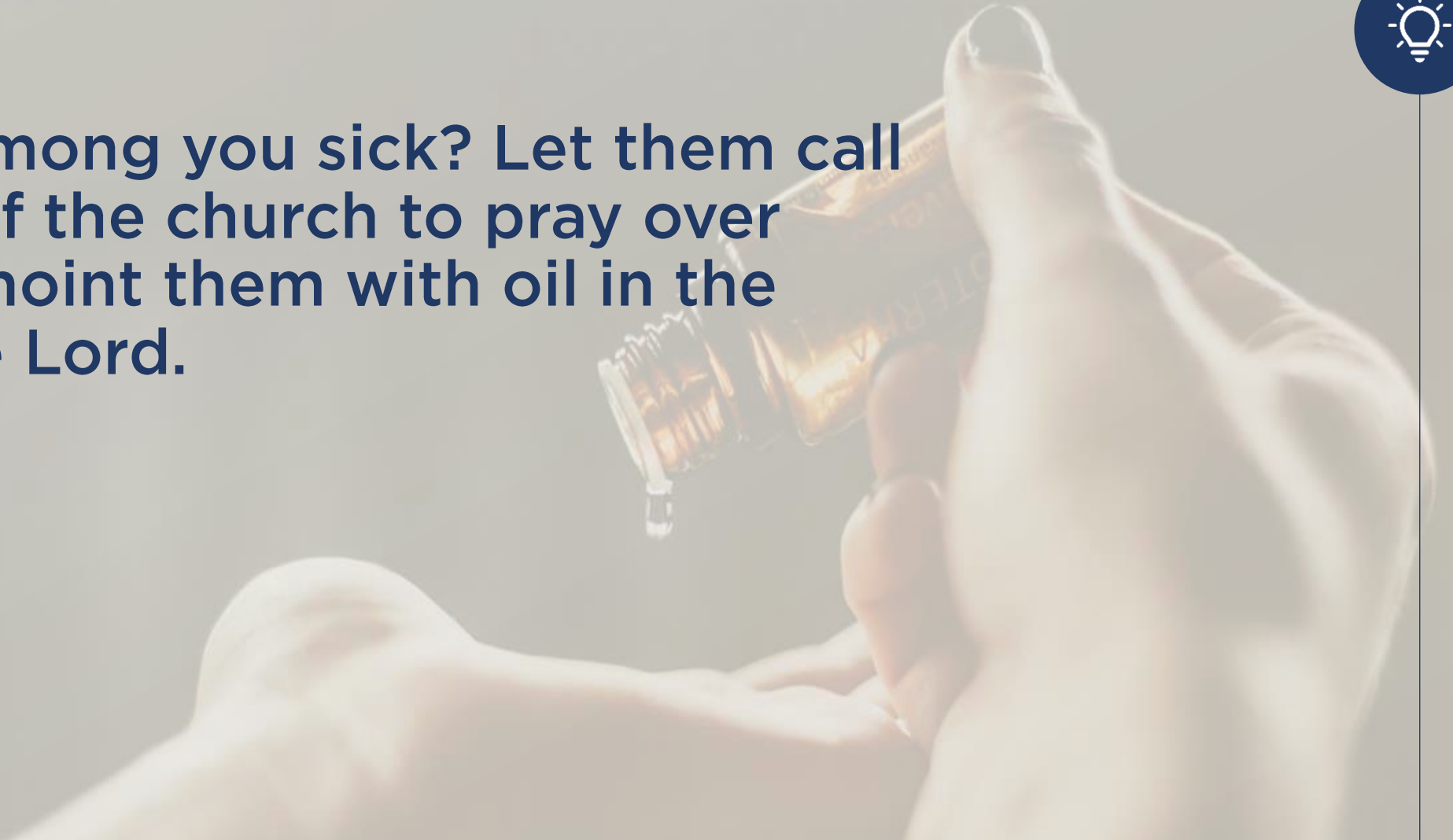
“Then Samuel took the flask of oil and poured it on David’s head and kissed him, saying, “The Lord has chosen you to be king over his people Israel.”



Oil is also used for Healing:

James 5:14

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.



We are being "Prayerpaired" to Proclaim the Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

15 He said to them, "Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved. But he who does not believe will be condemned.

17 These signs will accompany those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

18 they will take up serpents; if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."



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The Ascension

19 After the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat at the right hand of God.

20 Then they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.



13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

14 And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.

**Matthew
25:13-14
NLT**



Jesus is Coming Again

3 Know this first, that there shall come scoffers in the last days who walk after their own lusts,

4 and say, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things have continued as they were since the beginning of the creation.

**2 Peter
3:3-4;
9-10; 14**



Jesus is Coming Again

9 The Lord is not slow concerning His promise, as some count slowness. But He is patient with us, because He does not want any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat. The earth also and the works that are in it will be burned up

**2 Peter
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Jesus is Coming Again

14 Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these things, be diligent that you may be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless

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Pray with us

For “whoever calls on
the name of the Lord
shall be saved.”

ROMANS 10:13

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