

Faith Lesson 2: Where Is Your Midnight Oil?

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Do you have the extra jar of oil to meet the crisis that will unfold at the midnight hour? What the ten virgins had in common was this:

- 1) They all had lamps
- 2) They all had oil
- 3) They all slumbered and slept
- 4) They all heard the call and arose

Learn and Discern:

The foolish took their lamps but took no oil. They were so imprudent, careless, and unprepared that when darkness fell their lives were immediately filled with fear, anxiety, uncertainty, and alarm. Instead of being armed and alert, they were silly women held by the crisis of the darkness that now enveloped and filled their hearts. But the wise, oh, they were prudent and ready. They knew the darkness was approaching and prepared ahead of time. And what a glorious moment it was! For when the time came, they were able to go out and meet the Bridegroom with excitement, confidence, trust, and love.

Life Application:

We must have a spiritual reservoir outside of ourselves because there will be times when our own personal lives, like the lamp, will reach a "burn-out". The oil of our hope and dependency must be found in Christ and His Word that will give light and shine so that we never walk in darkness.

How about you? Do you have your extra jar of "midnight oil" on hand? It will be the only thing that will help you when the darkness of the midnight hour strikes.

Empowerment Scriptures:

1 Thessalonians 5:4-11

4But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 11Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Scriptures to Meditate on:

Matthew 25:1-13

1Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: 4But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. 7Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 9But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. 11Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

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