#### And the door was shut

**Mt 25:1-13** Then shall <u>the kingdom of heaven be likened</u> unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 They <u>that were foolish took their lamps</u>, <u>and took no oil with them</u>: 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 While the <u>bridegroom tarried</u>, they all slumbered and slept. 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 9 But 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. 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: <u>and the door was shut</u>. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

# Once was ready but didn't stay ready

Mt 25:3-4 They that were foolish <u>took their lamps</u>, and took no oil with them: 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels <u>with their lamps</u>.

Mt 25:10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and <u>they that were ready went in</u> with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

Broken spirit- Pr 17:22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

Ga 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Consumed with cares of the world and enticed by desires - Mt 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and <u>the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh</u> <u>unfruitful</u>.

Jas 1:14-15 But every man is tempted, <u>when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed</u>. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

**1Th 1:8-10** For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing. 9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; 10 <u>And to</u> <u>wait</u> for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

**1Co 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, <u>be ye stedfast, unmoveable</u>, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know <u>that your labour is not in vain in the Lord</u>.

**Re 2:10** Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: **be thou faithful unto death**, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Heb 3:6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

# The unprepared thought they were ready

Mt 25:5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

Mt 13:24-25 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, <u>The kingdom of heaven is likened</u> unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.....Mt 13:41-42 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, <u>and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that</u> <u>offend, and them which do iniquity</u>; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

The lazy- **Mt 25:25-26** And <u>I was afraid</u>, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. 26 His lord answered and said unto him, <u>Thou wicked and slothful servant</u>, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

**Eph 4:16** From whom the **whole body fitly joined together** and compacted **by that which every joint supplieth**, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

The indifferent- **Re 3:15** I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 <u>So then</u> because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Jas 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

# Some things cannot be borrowed

Mt 25:8-9 And the foolish said unto the wise, <u>Give us of your oil</u>; for our lamps are gone out. 9 But the wise answered, saying, <u>Not so</u>; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, <u>and buy for yourselves</u>.

Ro 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**2Th 1:3** We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, **because that your faith growth exceedingly**, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

**2Co 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; <u>that every one may receive the things done in his</u> <u>body</u>, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Mt 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; <u>and then he shall reward every man</u> <u>according to his works</u>.

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Php 2:9-12 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: <u>10 That at</u> <u>the name of Jesus every knee should bow</u>, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And <u>that every tongue should confess</u> that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, <u>work out your own salvation</u> with fear and trembling.

**2Pe 1:10** Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence to make your calling and election sure**: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

**Ge 7:15-16** And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. 16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: **and the LORD shut him in**.