

November 8, 2020 The Wise and Foolish Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry,

‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise,

‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’

But the wise ones replied,

‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you.

Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’

While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.

Then the door was locked.

Afterwards the other virgins came and said,

‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’

But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’

Therefore, stay awake,

for you know neither the day nor the hour."

What is the difference between Wise and Foolish?

To be Wise - having or showing experience, knowledge, and good judgment.

become alert to or aware of something.

To be Foolish – having or showing a lack of good sense. Poor judgement.

An example of whether we are being Wise or Foolish comes up with how you plan for the future.

READ OVER THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: Label them **W-Wise** or **F- Foolish**

- _____ 1. When packing for a weeklong vacation, you only pack one T shirt.
- _____ 2. When planning a big Birthday party, you forget to buy the candles for the cake.
- _____ 3. When planning a big Birthday party, you bake a chocolate cake because you remember that is their favorite.
- _____ 4. When buying a special mechanical toy, you remember to buy the necessary batteries.
- _____ 5. When preparing for a camping trip you bring one flashlight and no bug spray.

These examples are for success in regular everyday life. We also must make choices for our life in Christ. Choices to live as Christ Would want. Read the following statements and decide as to if they are Wise or Foolish choices for your life in Christ.

- _____ 1. You decide not to go to mass on Sunday because you just want to sleep in.
- _____ 2. You decide to help your Elderly neighbor by raking their leaves for free.
- _____ 3. You decide to not gossip about a girl in your class because you like her.
- _____ 4. You blame your brother for your failure to do well on your Math Test.
- _____ 5. You tell the truth that you accidentally broke the window even though no one saw you do it.

This is an image of the type of Oil Lamp that they would have used back in the time of Jesus.

They would pour oil into the hole and then light the wick at the other end.

Think about what virtues you should try to build in your life to keep the light of Christ burning in your heart.

Write Down Some of those Virtues that show you want to be Wise.

