

**Developing Habits That Will Change Our Church
Be Prepared**

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**The Parable of the Ten Virgins – Having Your Heart Ready!
(Matthew 25:1:13)**

1. The difference between foolishness and wisdom is in the preparation! (vs. 2-4)
2. No matter the time, circumstances or state you are in, we are expected to be prepared for the coming of Christ (vs. 5-7)
3. “Poor planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on mine!” (v. 9)
4. There are no do-overs; good intentions will not give you a free pass; you are either prepared or you’re not! (vs. 10-12)

The Parable of the Ten Talents – Having Your Talents and Abilities Ready! (Matthew 25:14-30)

1. Each servant was given talents based on ability not partiality. (vs. 14-15)
2. The talents given were on loan, not a gift to be used however each individual saw fit. (v. 19)
3. When it comes to your talents, use it or lose it! (vs. 20-29)
4. Separation from God is your choice not God’s, so stop blaming Him! (v.30)

The Parable of the Sheep and Goats – Having Your Life Ready! (Matthew 25:31-46)

1. There is no doubt that Jesus will return! (v. 31)
2. There is a clear difference between those who learn to serve and those who don’t! (vs. 32-33)
3. While “works” can’t and won’t save us, our actions reflect the state of our relationship with God and the motivation of our heart! (vs. 34-46)
(Eph 2:8-10; Matt. 6:1-18)

What can I do to be prepared?

1. Pray – 5 neighbor prayer sheet
2. Be in the Word – Daily Bible reading plan and basic Bible study plan
3. Share Christ – 5 minute testimony
4. Just Do It!