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**Matthew 25**  
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**Discussion Questions:**

1. How was wisdom and foolishness revealed in the virgins? How can we apply this kind of wisdom to our lives?
2. What is Jesus specifically teaching in v.13? How do we practically live this out?
3. If you are able, take some time to discuss “talents” you see in others. Are they being used for the kingdom? How or how could they?
4. Do you usually think of being lazy as sinful? Why or why not?
5. What is an important takeaway for you from this chapter?

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**Teaching Notes:**

In chapter 24 Jesus was answering questions for the disciples regarding when the temple would be destroyed, when He would return, and when would be the end of the age.

Jesus continues w/theme: readiness/rewards/judgment.

The kingdom of heaven...the place that Christ reigns...

25:1 “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish.

Wisdom puts knowledge into practice.

3 Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Oil is often a type or picture of the Holy Spirit.

5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

6 “And at midnight a cry was *heard*: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’

This is an unexpected time in the middle of the night.

7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise answered, saying, ‘*No*, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

Weddings could last a week.

There were three stages to a Jewish wedding.

11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

Know means to see, perceive, pay attention

13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

Application: Watch. Be vigilant. Be filled w/ the HS.

And again...

14 "For *the kingdom of heaven* is like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

These are the man's servants, AND the man's goods.

A talent is a measure of weight for money at least \$1200.

Each is given according to "his own ability"

16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also. 18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

Two doubled their talents, one buried it.

20 "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' 21 His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 22 He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' 23 His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

Both servants that doubled were rewarded the same.

24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what is yours*.'

He was afraid to step out in faith, he was afraid to risk take a risk.

26 “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents.

The man calls him wicked and lazy.

29 ‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

The talents are taken and no reward is given.

30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

This lazy wicked servant is also unprofitable.

31 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

At the coming of the Son of Man, end of great tribulation.

34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’

This judgment seems to be based on action, ie. kindness, love.

37 “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’

They don’t remember seeing or treating the King like that.

40 And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’

When we treat people like this, when we treat His body like this...

...we are treating Him like this.

41 “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you

did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' 45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.' 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

This is Jesus' final teaching section of Matthew.  
Jesus will return, and there is a judgment.