

# HOW'S YOUR “CHECK OIL LIGHT” DOING?

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Matthew 25:1-13

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“Command the Israelites to bring you clear oil of pressed olives for the light so that the lamps may be kept burning. In the Tent of Meeting, outside the curtain that is in front of the Testimony, Aaron and his sons are to keep the lamps burning before the LORD from evening till morning. This is to be a lasting ordinance among the Israelites for the generations to come.”

-Exodus 27:20-21

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The burning light symbolized God's continual presence among the people.

The lamp would not keep burning without the peoples cooperation and obedience.

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Oil is usually a symbol of the Spirit of God, but I wonder if this particular oil is not ALSO a symbol of the Word of God.

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Jesus ends this parable with the warning “Watch”. This word doesn’t mean “Climb to the top of a mountain and gaze up at heaven looking and waiting.”

It means to stay obedient and be alert.

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(Greek) gregoreite:

(verb-Present Imperative Active)

- a) I am awake (in the night)
- b) I am watchful, on the alert, vigilant

From egerio; To keep awake

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We will be talking all year about making sure we have oil in our lamps while looking at end times prophecy throughout the Bible and how we should act and behave as Christians through the things unfolding in the world. Our goal in this is to get less distracted by all the stuff that's going on in our world.

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“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

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“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father.”

-Matthew 24:36

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“Therefore keep watch,  
because you do not know  
on what day your Lord will come.”

-Matthew 24:42

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“The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of.”

-Matthew 24:50

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“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire; and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.”

-2 Peter 3:10

# EASILY DISTRACTED...

2026 The Little Chapel Verse:  
“Therefore we must give the more earnest  
heed to the things we have heard,  
lest we drift away.”

-Hebrews 2:1

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“Let your eyes look straight ahead,  
fix your gaze directly before you.”

-Proverbs 4:25

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“I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.”

-1 Corinthians 7:35