

The Kingdom

Staying Ready For The Royal Wedding

Who's Ready For The Wedding?

Matthew 25:1-13 NKJV

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

Are you prepared for a Royal Wedding?

Considerations that may delay the big day

- ✓ **Will you have sons & daughters? (Reproduce)**
- ✓ **Agree on how to handle money. (Responsibility)**
- ✓ **Identify and understand each other's values. (Respect)**
- ✓ **Taking the Name. (Represent)**

Notes: _____

How To Stay Ready...While You Wait

1. Stay pure!

Ephesians 5:3-6 NLT

3 Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. 4 Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. 5 **You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God.** For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. 6 Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him.

- ✓ **Sexually Pure (Body)**
- ✓ **Tongue and Ears Pure (Mind)**
- ✓ **Wants and Desires Pure (Soul)**

2. Stay Alert & Awake!

Ephesians 5:14-17 NLT

...14 "**Awake, O sleeper**, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light." 15 So **be careful how you live**. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. 16 **Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.** 17 Don't act thoughtlessly, but **understand what the Lord wants you to do.**

- ✓ **Keep your eyes open/Be careful**
- ✓ **Make the most of every opportunity.**
- ✓ **Understand what the Lord wants you to do.**

3. Stay Filled!

Ephesians 5:18-21 NLT

18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, **be filled with the Holy Spirit**, 19 singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. 20 And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 21 And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

- ✓ **Sing unto the Lord.**
- ✓ **Make music to King Jesus from your heart.**
- ✓ **Give thanks to King Jesus.**
- ✓ **Submit to King Jesus.**