

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Thank you so much for visiting our website! Here is an excerpt of my notes from Sister Casandra, "Not So Lest There Be Not Enough For Us and You!"

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We pray this Message will bless you the way it blessed us! Please come back again next week for more from "LaKesha's Pen" with another inspiring message. Yours in Christ,

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Matthew 25:6-9 NIV

In chapter 24 of Matthew Jesus is teaching about the future which leads into His parable or story of the 10 virgins. Now the 10 virgins are very similar in many ways. All are virgins and all have been given an assignment. As the story unfolds Jesus reveals the difference between the virgins. In verse 2 they are separated by two titles; the foolish and the wise. Up until this point these 10 are the same. They all had the equipment needed to accomplish their assignment, each one had the same responsibility and each heard the call. What then made them different? Wisdom!

Wisdom is freely given but it can only be given by God. In **James 1:5**, it states if anyone lacks wisdom you should ask God who gives generously to all. This would then imply that 5 of the virgins in this parable had a conversation with God and He would have encouraged them to take the extra oil. The foolish on the other hand had not sought nor talked with God in order to be prepared.

We all are like these 10 virgins in that God have made us all in His image and likeness. (See **Genesis 1:26**) We all have an assignment or a purpose to fulfill. (See **Psalms 139:13-16**) Some of us will live lives where we consult God and ask for His wisdom and guidance and some of us will find ourselves unprepared for His return because we lived a life without His wisdom. Which one are you?

In **Ephesians 4:11-16**, it lists the different jobs or assignments a person may have. God has already placed a special gift or talent within you to be used for Kingdom building. Your job is to make sure you have enough oil or that you nourish and develop this gift. In the Bible oil represents the anointing. The anointing comes when the Spirit of God is present in a person's life and He gives grace to that person to accomplish the task at hand. Grace is an ease to do something that might otherwise be difficult or even next to impossible. Do you have enough oil? Are you utilizing this time to be prepared for your assignment? Do you have enough oil in you to be wise?

Be encouraged and do what God has called you to do! The enemy will try to detour and distract you from your purpose. In this day and time it is easy to lose focus and become distracted. This will cause you to struggle with hearing what God says. You have a ministry. Every day in your home, at your job, with your family and friends and at church you have a responsibility to use your gifts. Don't allow the excuses to hold you back any longer. Make the wise choice. Do you continue to live life as the world suggest you live it or do you decide to live a life for Christ? Being an active member of a church is a vital resource in making sure you have "oil". It's a place for you to learn and grow. It's a place to receive love and support. What you should learn during your time at church is how to make more disciples. The love experience you have at church should impact your life in such a way that others are drawn to you and they begin to desire to have that same type of relationship with Christ. Don't be intimidated by other people's ministries. There is no job too small. You are needed in the body of Christ!

In **Psalm 23**, God gives us the oil. Are you making yourself available to receive the oil? Not only is it vital to be an active member of your church but daily time with God is a requirement as well. If you are going to be able to defeat the devil and his tactics of distraction you will have to spend regular time with God. In **Matthew 11:28-30**, Jesus gives us the invitation to come and learn. In order to be wise and successful in fulfilling your purpose you must know who God is and what He requires. While spending time with God He will come in and lead you. Your time with God does not have to become a rigid routine. Allow Him to lead you. He may have you study scripture, sing a song of praise or He may just need you to hear some quiet in order to bring peace back into your life.

Regain your focus!

Goats

- Foolish
- Irresponsible
- Unprepared
- No plan
- No time management
- People pleasers
- No action

Sheep

- Wise
- Responsible
- Prepared
- Planned
- Managed
- God pleasers
- Action

In **Psalm 23**, the Lord is our Shephard and He leads his sheep. Which one are you? Don't become so distracted by the cares of this world that you find yourself unprepared and don't look at anyone else's life and try to compare. God is saying to you "Just do what I have told you to do!" Seek first the Kingdom of God! You can do this by first confessing He is your Lord and Savior and accepting with excitement your assignment. Be blessed!