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**Spiritual Fitness**

1 Corinthians 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (KJV)

In a moment our life can change; in the twinkling of an eye we may be out of here.

If you recall, the foolish virgins did not make ready, their lamps were not filled enough to make their way to the bride groom; sure they tried to get the wise to give up some of their oil, but them being wise did not offer but told them to go to the merchants and buy from them; thus as we know, that is what they did, and when they finally reached the bridegroom, thinking that they had made it, they found out the door had been shut, they were too late; as did those in the days of Noah. Is this the position that you want to find yourself in when that time comes? I sure don’t.

Matthew 25:1-13 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh. (KJV)

So daily, examine yourself and ask ‘have I thus far been as the wise virgins and kept my lamp full of the pure oil, the word of God, so that when the trumpet sounds I have made ready and I am on my way to meet the bride groom?’ Not always an easy thing to do, to examine ourselves, but in the end if we heed the correction and instruction needed to continue in His righteousness, to keep the oil pure and our lamp full, we will have made ready being wise, and will meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Dearly loved, with these words do I comfort your heart this day that you may know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord…

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, there is a reward that was laid up in Heaven for you from the foundation of the world; a crown of righteousness. I encourage each of you to fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, and don’t let it go; for it is the life that God our Father, who cannot lie, promised to those who endure unto the end. It is there for the taking; in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye... God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.