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Matthew 25:1-13 The Parable of Ten Virgins

The lamp that the Virgins are carrying has 4 parts: A container, oil, wick, and a Flame. These together lead to a 5th & 6th element - Soot and Light. Then you have the 7th element, the extra vial of oil. The Lamp in general is used to produce the LIGHT of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, so that others can come to Him. The Virgins both "GO OUT" and also "FALL ASLEEP". One is productive and the other is not. Same as the Light versus the Soot. When the Wick is covered in Soot, the light diminishes. The bearer of the Gospel is less effective, or non-effective. The Wick holds the oil and allows the Flame to burn. It does the "work" of drawing the oil to the tip so the flame can burn. We are called to OBEY CHRIST and share the Gospel. Our feet carry it out, and our mouths Proclaim Him.

These works of obedience in Christ are the Wick. The Soot would then be BAD WORKS. Or ineffectual acts on our part. Sins that we hold more important than our relationship with Christ. How can we burn bright for Christ if we are not acting LIKE CHRIST? All 10 Virgins TRIM THEIR WICKS. This represents removing the sinful habits and making our witness more effective in many different ways. The Oil is the Word of God mixed with the moving of the Holy Spirit. While it is in the LAMP, it works in the wick as the Holy Spirit uses the Word we have hidden in our hearts to share that gospel, sometimes in ways we never knew we could! So then, to BUY OIL would represent to seek the scriptures to fall in LOVE with Christ, the WORD. So as we seek Him in the Word, we begin to fall in Love with Him and our extra vial begins to fill. As we receive more and more wisdom, we are purchasing OIL through the payment of time and effort. The reason we can't just get a quick filling at the last minute like the foolish tried to do, is that it takes A LONG INVESTMENT of time and effort to get to that point and the oil begins to fill.

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(The Holy Spirit through our faith, obedience, and love for God helps us in developing a strong, loving, and meaningful relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...Amen) John 14:27