

- 9 But the prudent answered, saying, 'No, there will not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'
- 10 And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut.
- 11 And later the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, lord, open up for us.'
- 12 But he answered and said, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.'
- 13 Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.
- 14 For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves, and entrusted his possessions to them.
- 15 And to one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey.
- 16 Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents.
- 17 In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more.
- 18 But he who received the one talent went away and dug in the ground, and hid his master's money.
- 19 Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
- 20 And the one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me; see, I have gained five more talents.'
- 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master.'
- 22 The one also who had received the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted to me two talents; see, I have gained two more talents.'
- 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
- 24 And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed.
- 25 And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground; see, you have what is yours.'
- 26 But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I scattered no seed.
- 27 Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest.'