

# One Way to Show Love

Philippians 2:12-18

New  
Testament  
Reading

*“Do everything without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world.”*

*Philippians 2:14-15*

We've learned that loving God and loving our neighbor are two of the most important things that we can do to prepare ourselves for Heaven. However, have you ever stopped to think about how to show our love to God and our neighbor? Of course we can tell God that we love Him, and we can tell our friends and family that we love them. But how can we show our love? Because, after all, actions speak louder than words.

LOVE



Look at the verse above from St Paul's letter to the Philippians. What does he say that we can do? We can do *everything* without grumbling (complaining) or questioning (arguing).

How many times today have your parents asked you to do something and you complained? Or how many times have you argued about what you are supposed to do?

Here's a challenge for you: the next time your parents ask you to do something, especially if it's something you don't want to do, remember this verse from St Paul and do the job "...without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world."



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**“Five of [the virgins] were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.**





# Gospel Corner

Matthew  
25:1-13

In today's Gospel, Jesus is telling a parable about five wise Virgins and five foolish ones. What makes five of them wise and five foolish?



First, we see how all of them are present - they are where they are supposed to be at the right time - and all of them had oil lamps with them. So what is different? Only five were prepared with enough oil to keep their lamps burning.

When we examine this parable told by Jesus in regards to the spiritual senses, we can see how Jesus was teaching a lesson on the moral and spiritual life.

Their presence and the oil lamp shows how they all had faith. All ten of the Virgins believed in God and had a relationship with Him. The oil represents their actions - their good works, charity, and actively living a life of virtue. It is here in the oil where we see a difference!

The wise Virgins are the ones who are striving to live a life of holiness. They are seeking to grow in virtue and follow God's commands. When the foolish Virgins ask the wise ones to share their oil and they say "No," they are not being stingy or greedy, or acting uncharitably. Rather, Jesus is teaching us that our good works and personal holiness can't be shared or delegated to others. We are all judged by our own actions. Therefore, we must fill our own lamps with oil every day through prayer and good deeds to keep the light of Christ burning inside of us.



## Did you know?

### PARTICULAR JUDGMENT

Particular Judgment is when a person dies and their soul meets Jesus face-to-face. They are shown all the choices they made while they were alive. At this time, God looks at their life and decides their eternal home: heaven or hell. It is not like a scary courtroom, but rather a moment of total truth.

## What you can do



You will likely be tempted to complain this week - try to resist the temptation!

Think of the wise virgins who had enough oil and remember to fill your "lamp" every day with prayer, following God's commandments, and good deeds.



More Oil



Help the virgin get through the maze to the jar of oil for her lamp.

