

Missions Update

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RUMT

Are You Empty?

Excerpts from a recent sermon that Bro. Erwin preached.

The parable of the ten virgins (Matthew 25:1-13) challenges us to ask: *Are you spiritually ready, or are you running on empty?* This message isn't merely about the second coming of Jesus—it's a profound reminder of the preparation needed before that day arrives.

R.U.M.T., or "Are You Empty," calls attention to the vital presence of the Holy Ghost in our lives. In the parable, five wise virgins brought oil for their lamps, demonstrating their preparedness and vigilance. The five foolish virgins, however, neglected to bring oil, symbolizing spiritual emptiness. The oil represents the Holy Ghost, essential not only for eternal readiness but also for sustaining faith in our daily walk with God.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 reinforces this theme, offering hope and comfort in the promise of Christ's return. Believers, whether alive or asleep in death, will be united with Him. Meanwhile, Matthew 24:3-14 warns of trials—deception, wars, and a decline in love—but assures that those who endure in faith will be saved.

Revelation 22:7 offers a final reminder: "Behold, I come quickly." This underscores the urgency of spiritual preparation—not driven by fear or speculation, but by joy and purpose. Each day is an opportunity to fill your "lamp" with the oil of the Holy Ghost, ensuring you are not empty but ready to meet the Bridegroom.

R.U.M.T.? Are you empty, or are you spiritually prepared to embrace the promise of His return?

Thank you



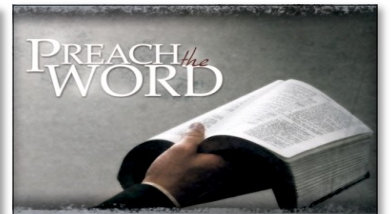
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