

# Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — February 12, 2023

## Sermon Notes

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### II. The Final Judgment ([25:31-46](#))

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### Parable of the Wise (not Wicked) Servant — [Matthew 24:45-51](#)

In the time of Jesus, what were the responsibilities of a steward or servant?

Are you waiting as someone who knows they will give an account for what you did in the waiting?

### Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids (or Virgins) — [Matthew 25:1-13](#)

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How might you interpret the need for the bridesmaids to continually refill their lamps with oil as they waited?

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Are you waiting as someone who knows their Master's return is long delayed?

### The Parable of the Bags of Gold — [Matthew 5:14-30](#)

What did the wicked servant do even though he knew his Master required an increase in his investment?

Are you waiting in such a way that you are improving your master's assets?

### Encouragement for *While We Wait*

- We *wait* by *expecting* His unexpected (time of) return.
- We *wait* by staying awake and *watchful*.
- We *wait* by carrying on and *carrying out our duties*.
- We *wait* by *preparing* to play the long game.
- We *wait* by *investing* His investment in us.

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