



Managing a New Dream With a Heavy Load
(Matthew 25:1-13, NKJV)

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Big Question: How well do you manage your load?

I. How to View Your Load
(Galatians 6:2-5; Matthew 25: 1-13, NKJV)

1. Paul said some things you can't carry

- ² Bear **one another's burdens**, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

2. Paul said some things you should be forced to carry

- ⁴ But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. ⁵ For each one shall bear **his own load**. (NKJV)

II. Two Load Checking Questions

1. What load shouldn't you be forced to carry alone?

Answer: Faults (**James 5:16**, "confess your faults, and pray for one to another that you may be healed")

- Brethren, if a man is **overtaken** (*Trapped*) in any **trespass** (*fault*), you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

2. What load should you be able to carry alone?

- Things that you **can carry**
- Your personal **care when you can** (2 Thessalonians 3:8-10, NKJV)
⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread **without paying for it**, but with toil and labor **we worked night and day**, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: **If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.**



III. Two Load Carrying Examples (Matthew 25:1-9, NKJV)

1. Half of the virgins came prepared to carry their load

“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now **five of them were wise, and five were foolish.** ³ Those who were **foolish took their lamps and took no oil** with them, ⁴ but **the wise took oil** in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

2. Half of the virgins were not committed to carrying their load

⁶ “And at midnight a cry was *heard*: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ ⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘**Give us some of your oil**, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But **the wise answered, saying, ‘No**, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’

Conclusion:

IV. The Consequences of Ignoring Your Load Responsibilities (Matthew 25:10-13, NKJV)

1. Some doors will be shut

¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and **the door was shut.**

2. Some relationships will be lost (forever)

¹¹ “Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ ¹² But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, **I do not know you.**’ ¹³ “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

Next Time: Dreaming With Confidence In The Season of Opportunity

Big Question: What are your opportunities during this season of your life?