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Commonality...they are all virgins, they all waited for the bridegroom to come with lamps lit and all of them fell asleep.

Difference...just like the creamer half-half, half wise and half foolish, the foolish did not bring extra oil while the wise did bring extra oil.

The value of calculation (refer **Lk 14, 28-31...sit down before you build a tower and ask if your 10,000 soldiers could defeat 20,000 soldiers**) states that the success of calculation depends on the considerations of different data related to the thing you wanted to accomplish (in this gospel, the thing they wanted to accomplish is to give light when the bridegroom arrives)

-the foolish only considered the data (the ceremony would only last for an hour thus this amount of oil would suffice)

-the wise considered the data (Oh you know our priest he gives long homily, what if the bride is late because she did not like what her make-up artist did, what if the minister is late because of traffic thus let us bring extra oil)

This is very much similar to **Mt. 7, 24-27** (a wise man and a foolish man building their own houses with different foundations). God is telling us, since you don't know what the future holds for you, you better be prepared in case the unlikely scenario happens...anticipate things and there is nothing wrong with that. What is most important is, when that time comes we are ready to respond positively.