The Timer

I was using a timer the other day to ensure that the dish I was baking in the oven was ready. When the timer buzzed, we were able to enjoy something good. It occurred to me that there is a timer running on creation. Over the centuries, there have been many people who have tried to determine when the clock will run down, every single one of them have been wrong. Jesus made it clear that even though there were signs for the coming of the end of the temple, there would be no sign for the final end of the age (Matt. 24:36). Even Jesus himself did not know the day nor the hour, only the Father. This is why in the next chapter he went on to tell three parables in a row to emphasize the need to be ready for his coming. We know he is coming, but we don't know when. Therefore, we need to be ready at all times (Parable of the Bridesmaids) by utilizing everything he has entrusted to us (Parable of the Talents) to serve others in the name of Christ (Parable of the Sheep and Goats). The question I need to ask myself is, "What am I doing to stay ready?"

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