

The Church is a \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation 1:12-18; 19-20

**A Seven Golden Lampstand of God's \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**  
Exodus 25:31-29; 37:17-24. The lampstand was the only source of light within the tabernacle walls Holy Place.

**Light Shining On the Bread of Presence** Exodus 25:20

The shewbread represented 1) the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, 2) the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and 3) the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**The Church \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the Light \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus** John 6:35 "I am the bread of life. Jesus is the light of the world. He fills us with light and we are to let our lights shine. Just like the lampstand in Exodus, our main job is to keep shining the light on the Bread of Life, which is Christ Jesus. To use our light to highlight the goodness of God and reveal God's Son, so that the world can see, understand, and know Jesus.

### Keep the Lampstand Burning At All Times

1. **Keep our \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, to keep our personal lights burning.**
  - We need to trim away the sin or impurities in our lives. 1 John 1:9
2. **If for any reason our light \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, we must immediately \_\_\_\_\_.**  
Revelation 2:4-5
3. **We need a continual source of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.** Romans 8:9-11
4. **We need to keep our lamp \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.**  
Matthew 5:15a Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl (a bushel).
5. **We need to keep our lampstand in the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.** **God has us strategically placed in our culture to show himself to the world.**  
Matthew 5:15b Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.  
16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

**Next Step: I will inspect my lampstand and see if my light is still shining bright.**

### Spotlight Jesus

The church, as the lampstands, primary purpose is not to shine a light on everything, but to focus and keep shining a spotlight on Christ Jesus. Our light should be concentrated on showing others who Jesus is.  
John 12:32-36 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." / Romans 10:13-14

### Is Jesus saying, "Who moved the lampstand?"

When the lampstand is moved, our influence is weakened. It makes it harder for people to see the light.

**Next Step: This week I will consider what I am using my light for. What am I spotlighting?**

### Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. If you are a light to the world already, why join a local church? How does that help your light shine bright?
2. What word picture does Revelations 1:12-18; 19-20 paint to describe the seven churches?
3. What three things did Pastor Scott say the Seven Golden Lamp Stand in the Tabernacle represented?
4. What did the Bread in the Tabernacle represent? Who is the true bread? (John 6:35)
5. Discuss the Five suggestions given to keep our Lampstands always burning bright. Give examples and share how you do each in your life? (We want to learn from each other.)
6. What do we mean by "Spotlight Jesus"? Why should we spotlight Jesus? (John 12:32-36 / Romans 10:13-14)
7. In what ways do we get distracted and use our light to spotlight other things? Why is this a problem?

Answers: Lampstand / Presence – Life – Light / Exists – Shine – On / provision – presence – goodness / wicks – trimmed / begins – dim – take – action / oil – Holy – Spirit / free – obstructions / proper - place