

*"And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee **Pure Oil Olive Beaten For The Light**, to cause the lamp to burn always." Exodus 27:20 KJV*



If there is no oil in the lamp the wick will burn up. If kept filled, it will burn indefinitely. Oil symbolizes the Holy Spirit in Scripture and in our lives. *"When He, The Spirit Of Truth, Is Come, He Will Guide you into All Truth: for He Shall Not Speak of Himself and He Will Shew you things to come. The Anointing Which ye have received of Him Abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as The Same Anointing Teacheth you of all things, and Is Truth, and is no lie, and even as It Hath Taught you, ye shall abide in [Christ]."* The Living God

"Worketh in you both to Will and to Do of HIS Good Pleasure." Disobedience/unbelief/doubt *"quenches"* the Holy Spirit's Work, obstructing the *"oil"* our lives need to illuminate Truth for others. If we speak the Truth, but do not obey the Truth, our lives make God's Word on our lips a lie! Jesus said *"Ye shall BE witnesses unto Me,"* NOT *"Ye shall GIVE witness unto Me."* It's one thing to BE an example and quite another to GIVE an example! We burn out instead of burning bright, because disobedience and doubt contaminate the *"oil"* in our lamps! *"Quench not the Spirit!"* Our smoking wicks give off the stench of charred cloth instead of the fragrance of the Holy Oil! Obedience to God's Word Through Faith is how we fill our lamps with the Spirit so that the wick of flesh is not consumed by fiery trials. *"Faith Cometh by hearing the... Word of God."* Wicks may burn brightly when first lit, but without oil they quickly smolder and die. The more oil the longer and brighter the lamplight. The more we obey, the brighter our testimony. The reason today's Church has no impact on the world is because it has lost its *"oil!"* The lamp is dry! Why is there no oil? Doubt and disobedience pollute the oil! What is the fellowship centered around after the Sunday sermon in the average church congregation? God's Word or Dorothy's new dress? Believers live like the world, dress like the world and talk like the world, which then sees no difference between the Church and themselves! There is more compromise than consecration in Church! Believers timidly, if at all, proclaim the greatest Truth of eternity, fearful of the rejection and persecution of men! *"Blessed are they which are persecuted for Righteousness' Sake: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."* If you are not suffering the rejection of the world, you aren't living Godly. *"All that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."* God's Word is either ALL Truth or it is a lie! How's YOUR *"Oil"* level?

The wick doth need the oil to burn,
Else soon there'll be no wick to turn,
The Oil will give a light that's bright,
If there's a "wick" that's doing right. –CGP

Wicks must be thoroughly immersed and saturated with oil to give a bright light in the night. *"This Book of The Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate Therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to All That Is Written Therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Pray without ceasing. Quench not the Spirit."* If you are not daily in the Word of God, constantly talking to, listening to, and obeying God, you WILL burn out and your smoldering *"wick"* will be nothing more than an offensive odor in the night! The Light Is *"Christ in [us,] the Hope of Glory."*

"Let your Light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Which Is In Heaven." Matthew 5:16 KJV