

Keep Your Lamps Burning

"Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time." Colossians 4:5 (English Standard Version)

A _____ must be maintained if it is to do its job.

The Christian's Charge To Keep Their Lamps Burning

- A. Ida Lewis, "the _____ woman in America", helped to _____ at least 18 _____ in her job as lighthouse _____.
- B. Christians as keepers of the light:
1. Matthew 25:6-8 - When they awoke to _____ their lamps, five found that their lamps were _____.
 2. These "lamps" were likely _____, consisting of _____ wrapped around a stick and dipped in _____.
 3. Luke 12:35,36 - Christians are to stay _____ for _____ and keep their _____.
- C. Christians must keep their lamps burning. But how?

Using Our Lights In Dark Times

A. *Shining the light through our words:*

1. Colossians 4:5,6 - Our _____ should always be _____ with salt.
2. 1 Peter 3:15 - By first _____ Christ in our _____, we must then be _____ to give a reason for the _____ that is in us, but do it with _____ and _____.
3. Words, whether _____ or _____, are powerful.

B. *Shining the light through our good deeds:*

1. "I'd rather see a _____ than _____ one ..."
2. Matthew 5:14-16 - People will see our _____ when they see our _____.
3. Romans 12:19-21 - When we do good to our _____ we are overcoming _____ with _____.

C. *Shining our light through sharing the Good News:*

1. Psalm 107:1,2 - Those who have been _____ from trouble should _____ so.
2. Mark 16:15,16 - Christ's _____ are commanded to _____ the gospel to the _____ creation.

Heaven's _____ will faithfully shine, but will the _____ lights be burning?

Central Church of Christ, Johnson City, Tennessee, January 10, 2021, a.m.