

# 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?

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