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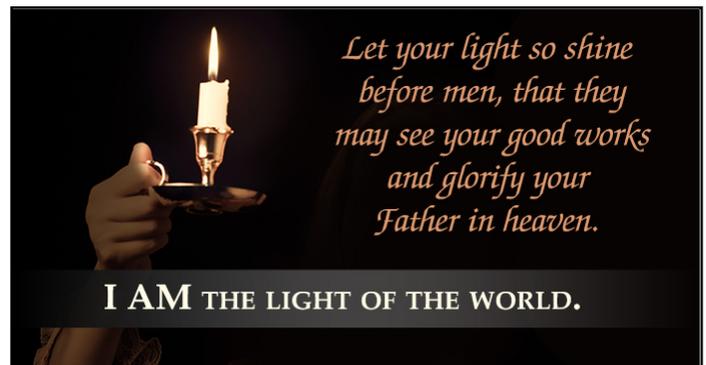
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**NOTE: We invite you to download our newly created "Promise Card" which is stored under Scriptures for Framing. We hope it will bless you.**

## Candlestick

I had a dream the other night. I forget the basis of the dream, I suppose because it was unimportant in getting the message across to me. You might need to be a little older to know what I am talking about. In it I think I was communicating on a CB (citizens band) radio. People used to talk to each other with portable radios in their vehicles and instead of their name they used a handle. I responded to a call that my handle was "candlestick". That was what seemed most important and what I kept remembering from the dream.



Webster's defines candlestick as "an object with a small hole in the middle for holding a candle". What a perfect description of the human condition. Every human being has a built-in hole in their spirit that can only be filled by their creator.

Jesus said He was the light of the world. Our purpose is to fill that hole with the light of Him and then hold it up for the world to see. Hold it up, not only to light our own way, but to show others the pathway also. We are all dwelling in a fallen and darkened world until we allow that light to be lit within us. We light that candle when we accept Jesus into our life, asking Him to be Lord over all that we are. We recognize and then acknowledge there is a holy God who is perfect in all His ways, and that our own righteousness is as Paul said, "filthy rags". Even the most honorable and just person we could know, has fallen short of the glory of God.

I remember a few years back when I was desperately seeking the Lord, I kept crying out "Lord, where is my place?". He finally responded with one of the few things I know I have heard in my spirit that was from God. He responded "Your place is next to me". Of course I knew immediately that He did not mean at His right hand in glory, like James and John requested in Mark 10:35. I knew He meant my place, my purpose in life, was to get as close to Him as I could - that abiding presence that He desires to share with each of us.

It is that abiding presence of the Holy Spirit that opens up all things to us. It is Him that convicts us of our sin and unworthiness and then relieves our guilt when we repent. It is Him that reveals to us the majesty and glory of our Lord Jesus and helps us through all our inadequacies. He is the helper - the comforter. He brings to life the Word of God and reveals depth and secrets that were only lifeless words before.

I firmly believe there will be degrees of punishment in hell, just as I know there will degrees of rewards in heaven. It just doesn't make sense to me that a Hitler would be punished the same as liar and thief. We reap what we sow. I don't know if I will ever earn a mansion in heaven. I just want to be a few steps closer to Jesus. For every step we take closer to Jesus in this life, He will multiply those steps in eternity. He always gives more.

I plead with every soul to closely reexamine themselves. The Bible says in Romans 1:20-21 that all have had a witness and are without excuse. If you have ever questioned or wondered, it was the Holy Spirit giving you a witness. I urge you to reach out to God for the truth. We cannot corrupt the Word of God and just decide what we will accept and what to believe. He is the same yesterday, today and forever and you cannot come unless the Holy Spirit draws you. Remember, He will not always strive with man.

There are also many believers who have grown lukewarm in their faith. God says in Rev. 3:16 that He will spew such out of His mouth. I am reminded of the parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25. All appear to be believers and yet it says they all slumbered (slept). They were all taken unaware, but there was a reserve of oil (anointing) that helped the wise virgins to reach their destination — a reserve of intimacy with the Holy Spirit.

There is much going on in the world and I believe the end of this age is quickly coming upon us. We each have to decide what to do with the time that is given us before we step into eternity. “Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach Him.” Psalm 32:6. Might this be the last day of your life. No one knows how much time is ours.

Let the precious Holy Spirit light or rekindle that fire within you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

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