

Leviticus 24:1-4

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "Command the children of Israel that they bring to you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to make the lamps burn continually. Outside the veil of the Testimony, in the tabernacle of meeting, Aaron shall be in charge of it from evening until morning before the LORD continually; it shall be a statute forever in your generations. He shall be in charge of the lamps on the pure gold lampstand before the LORD continually.

When I read today's verses, the first thing I thought of was that this is a picture of what the church is. We as the church or congregation are to bring in the Holy Spirit (oil) into the church and outside of the church, so that it may shine bright for all to see:

✎ ***"Command the children of Israel that they bring to you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to make the lamps burn continually. Outside the veil of the Testimony, in the tabernacle of meeting,"***

And the Pastor is to maintain the light (us, the congregation) to keep the light of Jesus Christ burning bright inside, and outside the church:

✎ ***"shall be in charge of it from evening until morning before the LORD continually; it shall be a statute forever in your generations. He shall be in charge of the lamps on the pure gold lampstand before the LORD continually."***

And how does the Pastor do that? By equipping us with the word of God. Because if you are a believer, you already have the Holy Spirit, but we need to feed our spirit on the word of God, which we all should be doing everyday. But also the Pastor studies and brings us God's word as well, equipping us and strengthening us in God's word. In return as we are filled with God's word and the Holy Spirit, we shine brightly for the Lord and for all to see.

But it's not just the Pastor, but also by the worship team that brings the congregation before the Throne of God to worship Him, and as we do, (I say we, because I am on the worship team at church) the people of God are like Moses, who after being in God's presence, glowed with His radiance. So should we be glowing after we spend time with the Lord; be it in His word or singing praises to Him. You see, the Pastor brings God to us through His word, but the Worship Team brings us to the Lord to respond to what God has said to us. Then we bring that light to the world for all to see.

✎ ***For you are the fountain of life, the light by which we see. Psalm 36:9 (NLT2)***

- † *Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12 (NLT2)*

- † *You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16*