

Living as a “**Spiritual**” Menorah in an increasingly **dark** world

1. By *Living* our lives according to the Word of God

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path...
The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.
(Psalm 119:105, 130)

For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light;
and reproofs for discipline are the way of life...
(Proverbs 6:23)

So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure,
to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place,..
(II Peter 1:19)

2. By *Living* lives that are characterized by Righteousness

But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
that *shines* brighter and brighter until the full day.
(Proverbs 4:18)

...for you formerly were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord;
walk as children of Light (for the *fruit* of the Light consists
in all goodness and righteousness and truth),
trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.
(Ephesians 5:8-10)

3. By *Walking*, not in darkness, but in the “light” of Truth

This is the message we heard from Him and announce to you,
that God is Light, and in Him there is *no* darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the
darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;
but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus His Son *cleanses us* from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves
and the truth is *not* in us.

If we *confess our sins*, He is **faithful** and **righteous**
to **forgive us our sins** and
to *cleanse us* from all unrighteousness.
(I John 1:5-9)

4. By *Living* lives characterized by **Contentment** (*not* contention)

Do all things without **grumbling** or **disputing**;
so that you will prove yourselves to be **blameless** and **innocent**,
children of God in the midst of a *crooked* and *perverse* generation,
among who **you** appear as **lights in the world**,...
(Philippians 2:14-15)

5. By *Living* lives that are characterized by **Good works**

You are the **light** of the **world**. A city set on a **hill** cannot be hidden;...

Let **your light** shine before **men** in such a way that they may **see your**
good works, and *glorify your Father* in heaven.
(Matthew 5:14, 16)

6. By *Living* as “sons of **day**,” with **Alertness** and **Soberity**

...for you are all **sons of light** and **sons of day**.
We are not of the **night** nor of *darkness*;
So then let us **not sleep** as others do, but let us be **alert and sober**..

But since we are of *the day*, let us be **sober**, having put on
the *breastplate* of **faith and love**, and as a *helmet*, the **hope of salvation**.
(I Thessalonians 5:5-6, 8)

7. By *Walking* in **Love** towards **one another**

The **one** who says **he is in the Light** and yet **hates his brother**
is in the *darkness* until now.

The **one** who **loves his brother abides in the Light**
and there is **no cause** for **stumbling** in him.
(I John 2:9-10)

8. By *Letting our lives reflect* the **Life** of **Jesus the Messiah**,
who came as a **Light** to the **world**

“**In Him (Jesus)** was **life**, and the **life** was the **Light of men**.”
(John 1:4)

Then **Jesus** again spoke to them, saying,
“**I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me**
will **not** walk in the **darkness**, but will have the **Light of life.**”
(John 8:12)

And the city (**New Jerusalem**) has **no need** of the **sun** or the **moon** to **shine** on it,
for the **glory of God** has *illuminated it*, and **its lamp** is **the Lamb.**
(Revelation 21:23)

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