

# Holy Spirit is Communicated How?

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Let's turn this morning to the prophecy of Zechariah the fourth chapter:

“And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?” Zechariah 4:2–4.

It's wonderful that in vision, the prophet asks questions. We have in our home at the present time a family with a little girl about three, between three and four years old. And I observe that she's asking questions.

Her daddy and I were going to get water last evening before the Sabbath. And on the way down, there was something that she was curious about, and so she began to ask her daddy about it. And he would answer the best he knew, but that only led to another question and another question and another question. And of course, that little mind was storing up information.

I've often thought that if we could keep that state of mind, that questioning mind, how much we could learn by the time we get to be 40 or 50 or 60 years old. But unfortunately, somewhere along the line, the idea comes to our little heads that it's embarrassing to ask questions. Too bad. That little three-year-old doesn't think about being embarrassed about it, and we ought not to be.

And here's the prophet, the man of God, and he's doing what? Asking questions. And I think that's a good attitude to encourage. What do you say? All right. Now, let's ask questions along with the prophet and see what we can learn.

You'll notice that God not only answers questions, He sometimes asks questions, because down in the 11<sup>th</sup> verse, having made certain statements in answer to the prophet's questions, we read:

“Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be...” Zechariah 4:10–13.

“Don’t you know,” he said, “what those are?”

“...And I said, No, my Lord” Zechariah 4:13.

The prophet not only was not above asking questions, but he also wasn’t above admitting that he didn’t know some things. That’s a good attitude too, isn’t it? And both of those attitudes open the way for teaching, for learning.

And so, the angel answers:

“Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth” Zechariah 4:14.

Now, I haven’t read all the chapter. You may be interested in reading all the verses. But I’ve read enough to help us get a picture here of the symbol.

What is in the center of the picture? A candlestick, a candlestick. What’s it made out of? Gold. What’s on the top of it? Look at the second verse there. What’s on the top of it? A bowl. What’s the bowl for? To hold oil.

Now, what does the candlestick have here? Seven lamps. And what is a candlestick for? To give light. And what is it that it has to have to *give* light? It has to have oil. And in this vision, where does it get the oil? From two olive trees.

These are very interesting olive trees. They communicate oil directly from the trees through the golden pipes over to the bowl and thence through the pipes to the lamps. But this, of course, is a symbol, and it’s the symbol that we want to understand. So, we’ll study it a bit this morning, comparing Scripture with Scripture. But remember that the whole objective of it is to give what? Light. All right.

Now, let’s go over to John 8:12 as our first text in unraveling this mystery. You all have it. Let’s read together:

“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the Light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life” John 8:12.

Then Jesus is identified with light. Let’s go in this same book to the first chapter and the fourth verse, and I want to notice what it is about Jesus that gives light. What is it? His life.

“In Him was life; and the life was the light of men” John 1:4.

Is it not true, as we think back at it, back about it, that it was the life of Jesus which gave light to those about Him—the deeds of mercy He performed, the words of love He spoke? His life was light in a dark, selfish, cruel world, wasn’t it? Yes.

But now, turn to the ninth chapter of John the fifth verse, and we will note a limiting factor. How long was Jesus to be the Light of the world?

Without looking at the text, somebody might say, “Why, forever, of course, always.”

In a sense, yes, but in a sense, no; He Himself limits it.

“As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world”  
John 9:5.

Well, He didn’t stay very long as we measure time, did He? And He’s been gone now nearly 2,000 years. So, for 2,000 years now, the world has been without any light. Or has it? No.

Let’s go now to Matthew the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter, the 14<sup>th</sup> verse, and we’ll see what His plan is on that point. Speaking to His disciples, He says what:

“Ye are...” Matthew 5:14.

What?

“...the light of the world...” Matthew 5:14.

Exactly the language that He used regarding Himself. Friends, isn’t that a wonderful thing? That you and I are appointed to be in this world what Jesus was to the world when He was here.

“As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world”  
John 9:5.

“But I’m going up to the Father now.”

“Ye are the light of the world...” Matthew 5:14.

Now, what did we find in John 1:4? What was it about Jesus that was the light of the world? His life. All right.

Now, let’s notice the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> verses:

“Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel,  
but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in  
the house” Matthew 5:15.

Now, together on the 16<sup>th</sup> verse:

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see  
your good works, and glorify your Father which is in  
heaven” John 5:16.

What do they see? They see the good works. That’s the fruit of the life, isn’t it? It’s the life made manifest. It’s the life in three dimensions.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” John 5:16.

That is the shining of the light.

Now, Jesus indicates here that that light shines from a what? A candlestick. That’s right, a candlestick. And that brings us back to Zechariah’s vision.

Now, let’s go over to the first chapter of Revelation and see what we can learn about this candlestick.

The candlestick in the light of our verse in John 8:12:

“...I am the Light of the world...” John 8:12.

We might refer to Christ, but He’s not in the world anymore. But as we’ve seen, He’s left His people, His children, His church to take His place.

And now, in the 20<sup>th</sup> verse of the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Revelation, we hear the Savior saying:

“The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in My right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks...”  
Revelation 1:20.

Now, all together:

“...The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches” Revelation 1:20.

The word “seven,” of course, is often used in the Bible to represent the complete or full or perfect number. And so, we have here the seven churches representing *all* the church of Christ from the days of Jesus when He was here until He shall come again. And the messages to those are given in chapters 2 and 3, as you remember.

But now, watch. He plainly states that these seven candlesticks represent what? The seven churches, or the composite candlestick, represent the composite church. The candlestick, then, represents what? The church, the people of God; and as the business of a candlestick is to give light, so the business of the church is to give light in this world.

The picture’s clear so far, isn’t it? And remember, don’t forget, the light is the life. The life is to be manifested in what? Good works, doing something for people. Talk is cheap, as the old saying is. And it is; it’s very cheap. So, what a church teaches, what its creed is, is not necessarily the light. The light, to be living light,

effectual light, guiding light, helpful light, drawing light, must be lived out in the lives of the individual members.

But now back to our candlestick. What did the candlestick have to have in order to give light? Had to have oil, didn't it? That's right. What happens to oil that's put in a candlestick? Yes, it's burnt up. It's used in shining. Well then, what has to happen? It has to be replenished, doesn't it? More has to come in.

And in Zechariah's vision, that was taken care of by two living olive trees that were continually pouring the golden oil out of themselves into the golden pipes, and into the golden bowl, and thence to the candlestick.

Would you like to have a tree or two like that? Well, that's what I want to study with you about this morning. I'll tell you, folks, we need to be sure we're connected up. And that means we need to be sure that we're a part of a candlestick that's connected up.

I fear there are a lot of candlesticks today that aren't giving any more light than the picture of that seven-branched candlestick on the arch of Titus in the city of Rome. You know, when Titus, the Roman general, captured Jerusalem and destroyed it in A. D. 70, he brought back the golden candlestick, and the engraving of it is there on the great arch of Titus in the city of Rome. But it's not giving any light. It's just a has-been.

And there are a lot of churches in this world, friends that are just about like that candlestick—they're "has-beens." And any church that does not have contact with those two olive trees is nothing but a piece of furniture, that's all (isn't that true?), because the only source of heavenly oil is in these two olive trees.

Let's go back to Zechariah 4.

"And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep. And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the LORD of hosts"  
Zechariah 4:1–6.

What is it that enables the church to shine? What is it? The Holy Spirit. These good works that are to be done by the members of the church are not to be

done merely by human power. That would be “by might” or “by power.” But the situation that challenged the people of God at that time was beyond the ability of human wisdom to fathom, of human power to solve. They were trying to rebuild Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. And it was a time of discouragement.

But God said to His people, “Arise and shine and I’ll be with you.”

What He’s saying, as it were, “Be sure you’re connected up with those olive trees. Be sure that the golden oil is flowing into the bowl and from the bowl through the golden pipes to those candlesticks that you may shine.”

“For it is not by human might, not by human power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts” [a paraphrase of Zechariah 4:6].

So, this oil fitly represents the Holy Spirit. But I want to study this point with you, and I trust it will bring us some rays of light this morning as we look into it. How is the Holy Spirit communicated? What is it that God sends from heaven from these two olive trees that enable the church to be the light of the world? That’s what I want you to think about this morning.

I fear that Satan has in many ways caused us to have mystical and perverted and distorted ideas of the communication of the Holy Spirit. There are many false movements in the world today that claim to be led of the Spirit, filled with the Spirit, baptized with the Spirit. In many cases, I think they are filled with a spirit all right, but the Bible talks about the spirits of devils working miracles (Revelation 16:14–16), and we don’t want that kind of spirit, do we?

But when the Spirit of God is at work, friends, His goal is ever clear, and that is to communicate something to you and me that will be manifested as *light*, and that light, we have seen is good works. Did we read that? Then, there will be something (watch this point) in what heaven communicates to the church which, if it is received and accepted, will be lived out.

Many people, when they think of the Holy Spirit, they merely think of some happy feeling. They think of getting religion and feeling like shouting or doing other exuberant things. I don’t question, but what the Spirit of God sometimes makes people very happy. But He sometimes makes people sad, too. There’s a time for both. But the great goal of it all, my friends, is to give what? Light. And that light is good works that men see.

Now, I want to ask you something, friends. If there was a house that needed to be built for some widow and orphans, and God would give me His Spirit, and all I got out of that was a happy feeling, would I ever get the house built if I didn’t know how to build a house in the first place? No.

Suppose it was as simple a matter as getting some wood to burn in the stove for the widow and her children. But suppose I don’t know anything about how to use an axe or a saw. There *are* people like that in the world that don’t know how to use an axe or a saw. But suppose the Spirit of God comes to me and I just feel happy all over. Will that get the wood in the stove? No, no.

You can see if ignorant people (and that's what we all are in the things of God and in practical daily life in most details) receive the Spirit of God if all they get out of it is a happy feeling, there'll not be much light that shines around. There must be some practical, definite instruction that Heaven will send to earth in order that the members may know how to shine and live these good lives that give light. Is that right?

I wonder if God has ever done anything like that. Why, my dear friends, that's what these olive trees are doing. That's what their business is. Notice what that last verse says. What are these two olive trees? Read with me that 14<sup>th</sup> verse, all together:

“Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth” Zechariah 4:14.

The margin says, “Sons of oil.” This is where the oil comes from, these two anointed ones.

Now, do you know the names of those two anointed ones that stand by the Lord of the whole earth? Well, I only know the name of one of them, but I'm glad I know at least 50 percent. And I'll share with you what I have. Someday we're going to find out the other.

You remember that when God had Moses make the sanctuary when it came to the Most Holy Place and the ark and the mercy seat, He said, “Now, Moses, I want you to make two angels, two cherubim of gold.”

Do you remember?

“Put one on one end of the mercy seat, and one on the other, and toward the mercy seat shall their faces be” [a paraphrase of Exodus 25:18–20].

Those were the two cherubim, the two angels that stood there, one on either end of the mercy seat. And what was between? The Shekinah, that holy light. And what was that light? That was the actual presence of God. That wasn't something Moses made. God was there in that light. That light was the manifest presence of God.

And on either side were these two cherubim, just exactly what this is talking about:

“...The two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth” Zechariah 4:14.

Now, I told you a while ago that I knew the name of one of them. I'll tell you why, Luke 1:19. Some of you know it too, and you're all going to know it right now. This, you remember, was on the occasion of the announcement of the birth of John the Baptist. The aged Zacharias was ministering as priest in the sanctuary, the temple. And as he stood there offering incense, one of these angels appeared. Not

an angel of gold, but a real, literal angel, the angel from Heaven, one of these “two anointed ones that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.”

And he told Zacharias his name. That’s why I know it.

“And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings” Luke 1:19.

There you have it. Here’s one of these “anointed ones that stand by the Lord of the whole earth,” and he’s coming to communicate something.

Now, in Zachariah’s symbolic prophecy, these anointed ones were represented as what? Olive trees. And they were communicating what? Oil. But here’s the real angel. And he’s not an olive tree, he’s an angel. And he’s communicating not oil, but what? A message, a message, my friends.

“Well,” you say, “I thought we read in Zechariah that that oil represented the Holy Spirit.”

Precisely, but the Holy Spirit manifested in a message of what to do, my friends. Not just some happy feeling, but some good practical instruction of what to do. And if you read this first chapter of Luke, you will find that that angel came not merely to tell Zacharias and Elizabeth they were going to have a son, but what to do about that son. His whole program in life was to be under the direction of that angel.

And as the result of listening to that angel, they moved from where they were to a more rural location. There were certain changes in the diet that took place. The whole manner of life of that boy, from his birth to his death, his whole life was influenced by what that angel brought from Heaven.

And was John’s life light while he lived? Ah, yes, my friends. Why? Because his parents and he, as he entered into it with his growing years, they were connected with Heaven through that message that Gabriel had brought from Heaven.

That’s what it means, friends, to be connected with a church that has the visits of this angel. This is golden oil indeed. But it can’t be manufactured in the mills of this world. And the trees of this world don’t grow it. These trees are in Heaven. These anointed ones stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

And these two anointed ones, one of them is called what? Gabriel.

“...I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings” Luke 1:19.

And oh, they are glad tidings, friends these messages from Heaven. Say, isn’t it a wonderful thing that God thinks so much of His people, His church in this world that when He has a message from Heaven to deliver, he sends the highest angel in glory, the one that’s right there by His side? Isn’t that wonderful?



An ambassador of the highest rank is sent from Heaven to earth to give us these messages. My point is, friends, these messages are golden oil, golden oil. But their purpose is that we shall receive them into our hearts and live them out in our daily lives. And thus, they bring light to those around us.

Every home that receives *these* messages and lives them out will be a house of light, a lighthouse in this world. Every human being that receives these messages and lives them out will be a light in his home, in his community, and wherever his influence extends.

Now, what does this have to do with the Holy Spirit? Well, these cherubim, as we have seen, in the symbolic prophecy communicate the golden oil to the candlestick. And we read over there that that's the Holy Spirit. Here, we see the angel bringing a message. But my dear friends, that message is always a message of the Holy Spirit.

Let's turn over to 2 Peter the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter and the 21<sup>st</sup> verse, and we'll see that:

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man:  
but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the  
Holy Ghost” 2 Peter 1:21.

You'll find going back to Luke 1 that when Zacharias told what the angel had said and done and about what was going to happen to this boy, he was filled with the Holy Ghost.

So (watch this point), a prophet is one who sees this angel of prophecy and in whose heart the Holy Spirit comes and inspires him to tell that which the angel has brought. And if you have a church that has a prophet, then you are connected up with those olive trees, and the golden oil is flowing.

Turn to Ephesians the fourth chapter, the eighth verse. We were studying a few moments ago that when Jesus was in the world, He was the Light of the world. When He went back to Heaven He left His church to be the light of the world. But He never intended, friends, He never had any thought that that would happen or would continue to happen unless that church were receiving supplies from the heavenly sanctuary.

“Wherefore He saith, When He ascended up on high,  
He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men”  
Ephesians 4:8.

No sooner had Jesus arrived in the heavenly sanctuary than He pled with His Father for that wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit. He told His disciples He would when He left.

He said, “I'm going to Heaven, and I will pray the Father and He will send you another Comforter, even the Spirit of God” [a paraphrase of John 14:16–17]. All right.

Now, let's see how these gifts were distributed, these gifts of the Spirit, 11<sup>th</sup> verse:

“And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” Ephesians 4:11–13.

There's one expression in that 12<sup>th</sup> verse that I want you to notice, the middle one, “for the work of the ministry.” That's not talking simply about the work of the ministers. It's talking about the work that every member of the church is to do in ministering to others, in service. But notice, that is dependent upon receiving these gifts.

I repeat, it's a wonderful thing to be connected with a church where the golden oil is flowing, where the Spirit of God is operating in bringing messages from the heavenly sanctuary.

“Well,” somebody says, “we have the Bible, and that came that way, didn't it?”

Yes, the Bible did come that way. From Moses to John, all the prophets received this holy oil. And in what we have in the Bible, we have the work of the Holy Spirit speaking to us in these inspired pages. We're dealing not merely with Isaiah and Peter, with David and John, with Moses and Samuel. We are dealing with the Holy Spirit. We are dealing with these glorious messengers from Heaven. We are in contact with the olive trees. Here is golden oil.

And does this oil received into our lives and accepted as the basis of our daily living, does it make changes? Why, certainly. And if we follow this, will the life we live be the light of the world? Yes.

But now, my dear friends, God in His great mercy, seeing that we're living in a world where all manner of delusions and inventions have come in, in this last generation, He has been pleased in a special way to communicate golden oil in this last generation. And this very Bible, thank God, tells us that that's what He expected to do.

Let's go to Acts the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter verse 17 beginning. Will you read these verses with me?

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on My servants and on My handmaidens I will pour

out in those days of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy”  
Acts 2:17–18.

When was this to be in a special way? In the last days. Have we come to the last days? Yeah, verily, a hundred signs in earth and sea and sky tell us that the coming of Jesus draws near.

And may I tell you, friends, there are two great reasons why that calls for the exercise of this prophetic gift. One, as I have mentioned, the world is in such a terrible state—so many delusions, so many inventions that draw the mind away from God and Heaven. We need discernment. We need the golden oil. We need instruction that will keep us from those snares.

But ah, besides that, those who welcome Jesus at His appearing must reach the very highest standard. They must be complete in Him. Their lives must reflect the image of Jesus fully. And in order that that may be so, we need that golden oil, friends, we need that golden oil.

Brother Callahan, I wonder if you’d bring me *Volume 5* there from the library. I’d just like to ask a question of this congregation this morning.

Now, this book that Brother Callahan is bringing me, what’s the name of that book? *Testimonies for what? For the Church.* Oh, *Testimonies for the Church.* Why for the church?

Well, turn to 1 Corinthians 12:28, and you’ll see why.

“And God hath set some...” 1 Corinthians 12:28.

Where?

“...in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets,  
thirdly teachers...” 1 Corinthians 12:28.

And so forth. So this gift of prophecy has been set where? In the church; it’s for the church. But as we have seen this morning, the purpose of those communications is that the lives of the church members shall be light to the world. So, here are *Testimonies for the Church*. Here (watch the point, then) is a candlestick that is connected up with those olive trees. The golden oil is flowing and has been flowing into this church.

Now, I want to ask you another question. *Testimonies for the Church*, what does that word “testimonies” mean anyway? What’s a testimony? It’s something somebody says or writes. It’s a statement by somebody. We often think of it in a court. This witness or that witness gives his testimony. Well, *Testimonies for the Church*, whose testimonies are these? Are they? Are these the testimonies of Jesus?

Let’s turn to Revelation the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter, the 16<sup>th</sup> verse:

“I Jesus...” Revelation 22:16.

Who’s talking? Jesus is talking.

“I Jesus have sent Mine angel...” Revelation 22:16.

This right-hand covering cherubim—this olive tree with the golden oil, this anointed one who stands in God’s presence.

“I Jesus have sent Mine angel to testify unto you these things...” Revelation 22:16.

What are the next three words?

“...in the churches” Revelation 22:16.

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I repeat, it means everything to be connected with a church that is connected with the olive trees, for the purpose of the candlestick is to shine. And if you’re connected with a church that has no connection with the olive trees, then you’re just part of the furniture as far as what we’re studying this morning is concerned. Isn’t that clear?

But you know, there’s something about it, friends. It isn’t just enough in this living, literal experience that we’re trying to apply it to this morning, it isn’t just enough to be connected even with the true church because in the real, literal experience, every member of the church decides just how much of this golden oil he’ll receive.

How much do you have? Do you have a quart? A pint? A spoonful? Or is it measured with one of these medicine droppers, these eye droppers? Well, I’ll tell you this, friends. Thank the Lord, every bit of oil will enable you to shine some. But if you want to shine more, get some more oil. There’s plenty more where this came from, plenty more. There’s more oil than you and I can receive in our whole lives. There’s plenty.

There are thousands upon thousands of testimonies, bright, radiant, glorious messages from the courts above, magnifying the Bible, exalting the law of God, leading us to Jesus. But oh (catch the point, friends), the purpose of it is that our lives shall be so changed that our daily experience, the things we do and say shall be what? The light of the world.

Now, I want to read you a statement about this golden oil. This is what got me thinking about it. This is in the Spirit of Prophecy comments, Ellen G. White comments in the Bible Commentary, Volume 4, page 1180. This is one of these testimonies:

“God is dishonored when we do not receive the communications that He sends us. Thus we refuse the

golden oil..." *SDA Bible Commentary*, Volume 4, page 1180

Let me read that again:

"God is dishonored when we do not receive the communications that He sends us. Thus we refuse the golden oil..." *Ibid.*

Oh, wouldn't it be a shame, friends. Gabriel leaves Heaven with a wonderful message. He comes all the way down to this world. He knocks at my door.

"Here is a message from Jesus. Jesus says, 'I have sent Mine angel to testify unto you'" [a paraphrase of Revelation 22:16].

But I—I say, "Well, I'm too busy. I'm too busy"

Ah friends, if I'm too busy to listen to Gabriel, I'm too busy, am I not? I'm too busy. I'd better not be so busy. This message calls for our first attention—the testimony of Jesus which is the Spirit of Prophecy," as Revelation 19:10 says.

Well personally, I feel very thankful for this golden oil this morning, and I want to open my heart to more of it. I want to receive the Spirit operating through the Word and through the testimonies. This is the Spirit I want. I want a Spirit that comes *from* the sanctuary and leads me *to* the sanctuary. I don't want one that comes from beneath and leads me beneath.

And as I open up my heart to this precious instruction, as I open up my life to this golden oil, I have faith that Jesus will help *me* to shine just as the candlestick shines as it receives the golden oil.

I remember when I was just a little boy in Sabbath school a little song we used to sing:

"Jesus bids us shine with a clear, pure light,  
Like a little candle burning in the night;  
In this world of darkness we must shine,  
You in your corner, and I in mine"  
*Christ in Song*, page 501, first stanza.

Ah, let's be candles for Jesus. What do you say, friends? But remember, we'll burn up and burn out if all we have is what we have today. We must be getting more, more, more every day, and we can have it.

May I suggest something if you haven't done it before? Get down on your knees with the Bible there open before you on your bed or on a chair, and there on your knees, ask God to lead you.

And there with the Bible, take one of these testimonies or *Desire of Ages*, *Steps to Christ*, *Ministry of Healing*, *Great Controversy*, *Messages to Young People*,

and talk to God, and then let God talk to you through His Word and through these special messages for the last days that He's given us through the Spirit of Prophecy. And friends, as sure as God is true, the golden oil will flow into your heart and life. There's no question about it.

Now, I'd like to give opportunity this morning for your testimony. I've been bringing you the testimony of Jesus. He'd like your testimony in response. Oh, I hope it agrees with His. What do you say?

Have you some testimony to give, some witness to bear about this golden oil, the precious Holy Spirit operating through the Word, and the testimonies of His Spirit? Are you thankful to be connected with a church that has this golden oil pouring from the sanctuary? What is it doing for your life? Is it making you glad that you know Jesus? Is it making you glad to give your life in unselfish service? What is your witness concerning the testimony of Jesus?

[Testimony meeting follows]

[Following are comments by Elder Frazee during testimony meeting.]

...We're told right on this lesson we've had this morning, I'm quoting:

"The capacity for receiving is preserved only by imparting" *Christ Object Lessons*, page 143.

That's the thing. Unless we're *doing* what the books say, we'll not any particular benefit from just reading, reading, reading, reading, reading. That's the difficulty with conventional education. It divides life into two periods, one in which you learn all the things that you're supposed to need for the rest of your life, you understand. I'm exaggerating it in order to bring out the point. Then, the other, after you've learned that, then you go do it.

But in Heaven's plan, every day learn something and every day do something about what you learned.

"The capacity of receiving is preserved only by imparting"  
*Ibid.*

It's only by shining that the candlestick can receive more oil.

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