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The Tabernacle Approach - The Enlightening Step

Exodus 25:31-39

The _____ of Light

“Make a lampstand of pure, hammered **gold**. Make the entire lampstand and its decorations of **one piece**—the base, center stem, lamp cups, buds, and petals. Make it with six **branches** going out from the center stem, three on each side. Each of the six branches will have three **lamp cups** shaped like **almond blossoms**, complete with buds and petals. Craft the center stem of the lampstand with four lamp cups **shaped like almond blossoms**, complete with buds and petals. There will also be an **almond bud** beneath each pair of branches where the six branches extend from the center stem. The almond buds and branches must all be of one piece with the center stem, and they must be **hammered** from pure gold. Then make the seven lamps for the lampstand, and **set them** so they reflect their light forward. The lamp snuffers and trays must also be made of pure gold. You will need **seventy-five pounds of pure gold** for the lampstand and its accessories. Be sure that you **make everything according to the pattern** I have shown you here on the mountain.” (Exodus 25:31-40, NLT)

Spiritually intimate life occurs on _____ not on _____.

“Command the people of Israel to bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to **keep the lamps burning continually**... This is a **permanent law for the people** of Israel, and it must be observed from **generation to generation**.” (Exodus 27:20-21, NLT)

The Light of the _____

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “**I am the light** of the world. If you **follow** me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the **light that leads to life**.” (John 8:12, NLT)

In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the **seven spirits of God**. (Revelation 4:5, NIV)
(These are the **Sevenfold Spirit of God**). (Revelation 4:5, MSG)

Light: _____ requires _____.

When the **Spirit of truth** comes, he will guide you into all **truth**. (John 16:13, NLT)

Direction: Without _____, I _____.

“Then make the seven lamps for the lampstand, and **set them** so they reflect their light **forward**.” (Exodus 25:37, NLT)

Refining: I can only become all that God _____ me to be when I become purified of all that sin has _____ and life has _____ me to be.

“I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and **fire**.” (Luke 3:16, NIV)

Fuel: You have to get _____ to get _____.

He asked me, “What do you see?” I answered, “I see a **solid gold lampstand** with a bowl at the top and seven lamps on it, with seven channels to the lamps. Also there are two **olive trees** by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.” I asked the angel who talked with me, “What are **these**, my lord?” He answered, “**Do you not know** what these are?” “No, my lord,” I replied. So he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my **Spirit**,’ says the Lord Almighty. (Zechariah 4:1-6, NIV)

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The Light of the Spirit

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Light: Proximity requires clarity.

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Direction: Without direction, I wander.

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