

Additional words, items suggested for fellowship: (week of 1/14/24)

1. The lampstands are the churches.
 2. The shape of each of the “lampstands” as an almond tree is very significant.
 - It shows the expression of God’s testimony is gold, life, resurrection, and authority.
 3. Believers should display their light, just as a lamp should be put on a lampstand.
 - When a church is there, the word of the Lord will sound out.
 - You are the light of the world; for the Lord has put Himself, as the light, in you. If that light is put in the right place, the lampstand, then there is a city set on the hill.
 - A lampstand allows the light to shine.
 - I see the vision of the lampstand. I see the almond tree and I am a part of it.
 - People who see the shining lampstand will see your good works and glorify your Father.
 4. The church is the **household** of God, the **pillar** of the truth, a **dwelling** of God in spirit.
 - The dwelling, the house of the living God, bears a **testimony** to the people on earth.
 - The church is the pillar of the truth, not the truth is the pillar of the church.
 - Grace and truth came through the man, the Lord Jesus. God’s desire and design is that **the church is the pillar of the truth.**
- ❖ **The function of the church should not be neglected. We see the vision of the church, we are part of the church, and we shall give ourselves to practice the church life.**