

## Winter Conference 2023/2024

### The Golden Lampstands (for week of January 14, 2024)

#### Message One

#### The lampstands are the churches

- I. John saw churches as lampstands, “The seven lampstands are the seven churches”
- II. The testimony of the church should shine forth to believers and unbelievers
- III. Believers should display their light, just as a lamp should be put on a lampstand
  - a. A light is not put under a basket, a bed, nor away in the cellar. A container is not put over the lamp.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; <sup>15</sup>nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup>“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:14–16

<sup>21</sup>And He was saying to them, “A lamp is not brought to be put under a basket, is it, or under a bed? Is it not brought to be put on the lampstand? Mark 4:21

<sup>16</sup>“Now no one after lighting a lamp covers it over with a container, or puts it under a bed; but he puts it on a lampstand, so that those who come in may see the light. Luke 8:16

<sup>33</sup>“No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it away in a cellar nor under a basket, but on the lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light. Luke 11:33

- b. A lampstand allows the light to shine.
    - c. People who see the shining lampstand will see your good works and glorify your Father
- IV. The church is the household of God, the pillar of the truth, a dwelling of God in spirit, which bears a testimony to the people on earth.

<sup>15</sup>*but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.* 1 Timothy 3:15

<sup>21</sup>*in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,* <sup>22</sup>*in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.*  
Ephesians 2:21–22