

Heart of the Matter: The Golden Lampstand Exodus 25:31-40

*The imagery in the tabernacle is amazing. Every part of it is pointing to a greater reality.
In today's study we enter the Holy Place inside the Tabernacle proper.*

*We will consider two of the objects found there –
the Table of the Bread of Presence and the Golden Lampstand.
The symbolism of the bread is easy to grasp, but what about that lampstand?
What can we learn from it?*

The construction and artwork of the lampstand symbolizes...

1. **The growth of fruit in us.**

*Branches, buds, blossoms and flowers appear together on the stand.
We are to be fruitful.*

Exodus 25:31-36; John 15:1-2,8; Psalm 92:14

2. **The watchfulness of God.**

*Almond flowers are the earliest blooms each spring in Israel.
God is watching for fruit.*

Exodus 25:33-34; Jeremiah 1:11-12; Philippians 1:6

3. **The work of God in producing fruit.**

*The lampstand uses oil and wicks, not candles, and to burn it must be tended.
God's Spirit in us makes us fruitful.*

Exodus 25:37, Zechariah 4:1-6, I Thessalonians 5:19

*Like the lampstand, we are designed to bear fruit by burning brightly.
In humility, we admit that He has to accomplish this work in us.
I know He wants me to burn brightly, but I can't do it without Him.*

Big Idea:

God will do it in me!