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The Oil And The Wick
Read Ephesians 5:15–20

"Mom, can I make some colored water for the oil lamp?" asked little Susie. "It's almost empty."
"That lamp needs to be filled with oil, not water, silly," said Jenna, her older sister. She laughed.
"Why do you think it's called an oil lamp? It burns oil."

"It does?" Susie asked, a puzzled tone in her voice. "It's the white thing that burns and makes the light."

Mom smiled. "The white thing is called the wick," she said, "and yes, it does have to burn. But Jenna is right—the pretty colored liquid is oil, not water. That wick soaks up the oil so it can burn. Without the oil, the wick wouldn't keep going at all."

Mother took a bottle of pretty green liquid from the cupboard. "This is oil for refilling the lamp," she told Susie. "You can help me with it." As Mom showed Susie what to do, she added, "You know, this reminds me of our life as Christians. I know you've learned the verse in the book of Matthew—where Jesus says, 'You are the light of the world.' Well, to be God's light, I need God's 'oil.' Just like this lamp wick needs oil, I need to be filled with the Holy Spirit."

"So we're like the wick, and the Holy Spirit is like oil," suggested Jenna.

Mom nodded. "As we soak up God's Word and spend time with God's people, and as we praise God and pray to him, we learn to yield to his Spirit," she said. "Then the Lord can shine through in our lives—and we can't take any credit for it because we don't do it; the Holy Spirit does."

HOW ABOUT YOU?

Do you let the Holy Spirit shine through you? As you allow God's Spirit to fill you, you can do great things for him.

**LET GOD'S SPIRIT SHINE
THROUGH YOU**

Scripture Memory Verse:

"Be filled with the Spirit."

Ephesians 5:18