

Candle Power:

Mt 5:13~16 ¶ Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. **Ye are the light of the world.** A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a **candle**, and put it under a bushel, but on a **andlestick**; and it **giveth light** unto **all** that are **in the house**. **Let your light so shine before men**, that they may **see your good works**, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

*Yahshua is referring to believers functioning as candles from which the light of truth is to shine outward as shown through our **good works**. That light or energy force produced from a candle is known as candle power.*

Candlepower: is an out of date, obsolete unit of measurement, quantifying luminous intensity. It expresses levels of illumination strength in terms of the light emitted by a candle of specific size and ingredient. In modern usage candlepower equates directly to the unit known as the candela or **LUMENS**.

In defining how bright something is, two principles should be considered: How bright it is at the source of the light, and how much light is falling on something a certain distance away from the light. The unit of measurement that correlates light with distance in feet and inches is called "foot-candles."

Example: Stick a candle on one end of a 1 foot long ruler. Light the candle. One foot-candle of light is the amount of light that a candle generates one foot away. But here's where it gets tricky. The further away you move the light from what you want to illuminate, the less bright the light seems. But if you measure the light at its source, there it's just as bright. Yet, when the illumination is measured at the object you want illuminated, there is less light! Thus the closer you are to the light, the brighter the lumen or the light is. Or, think of it this way: To make more light on an object, you have to either move the light closer, or add more lights. Perchance, we can change how much light comes out of our candle...or can we?

From the beginning, the Bible describes light shining. It was the first substance added to the world at creation. Light by its luminance brings us out of darkness.

Gen 1:1~4 ¶ In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. ¶ And God said, **Let there be light**: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

From the beginning Our Creator created light to dispose darkness, one eliminating the other, as good over evil, life over death. Light creation began the cycle of overcoming our surroundings and the wisdom learned along the way as we triumph over self thereby defining the essence for the purpose of life.

Ps 27:1 The LORD is **my light** and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

This study began with Yahshua declaring that believers are the light of the world set on high, functioning as a light from a candle gives light unto all in His house. We are to have our candle shine its light before humankind that they may see our good works which in turn glorifies our Father, working effectively through us. Our good works refer to the actions of His Spirit shown outwardly through us for

others to see and be nurtured by. Thus our light, His Spirit living within us, is to shine as the light given by a candle, illuminating its surroundings. But what does a candle have to do with His Holy Spirit?

Candles are made from all sorts of wax. Waxes are a class of chemical compounds that are malleable near ambient temperatures. Typically they melt above 113 °F to give a low viscosity liquid. All waxes are organic compounds, and are both synthetic and naturally occurring. One such compound is tallow. Tallow is the white, nearly tasteless solid rendered fat of cattle and sheep used chiefly in soap, candles, and lubricants. Tallow once was widely used to make molded candles before more convenient wax varieties became available—and for some time after, as they continued to be a cheaper alternative. For those too poor to avail themselves of homemade, molded tallow candles, the "tallow dip"—a strip of burning cloth in a saucer of tallow grease—was an accessible substitute.

Tallow is made from the hard fat of beef or mutton, called suet which is solid at room temperature. In industry, tallow is not strictly defined as beef or mutton fat. In this context, tallow is animal fat that conforms to certain technical criteria, including its melting point. It is common for commercial tallow to contain fat derived from other animals, such as lard from pigs, or even from plant sources.

Lu 11:33~36 No man, when he hath **lighted a candle**, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may **see the light**. The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that **the light which is in thee** be not darkness. If thy whole body therefore be **full of light**, having no part dark, the whole shall be **full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light**.

*Yah's Holy Spirit is a gift enabling us to be like Him, a Spirit-filled shining **giver**. Thus it is His Holy Spirit shining through us using us as a tool, a candle. Being Spirit led refers to a vessel holding a most precious gift, His Holy Spirit, being directed to shine in appearance as a **sign of His light** shining through us. If the light dims or if it goes out, it is because we did not provide the substance to continue the gift to glow.*

The joint substance of the candle, its relationship between the wick and the wax are quite revealing. This association would be similar to us being the wax of a candle, and The Holy Spirit being the workings of the wick from which the light glows. The wick alone would quickly burn out if it had not a substance surrounding it by which to burn such as wax or oil. The wick forms the flame, the essence of the light. It is the core material by which the flame is derived. Yet the wick, although it creates a most brilliant light, would quickly fade without a supporting substance, such as wax.

We become the wax, our place, our purpose in the life of this candle in the spiritual realm. The wick needs a supporting substance around it to continue its presence there. If the surrounding substance is not willing to support the wick, the wick will burn quickly as a flash of light, with no lasting effect. This is the same as when Yah's Spirit has entered a person. That Spirit filled person must allow His Spirit to burn within them or else the Spirit will be quenched.

*The wax engulfs the wick as the wick lives inside the wax. Now as the wick flames, it gives off an illuminating light that is supported by the wax. The wax gives of itself to the flame as the light burns brightly. The burning that causes the light to continue to glow comes from the ability of the wax to give up of itself as a **"burnt offering."** The wax allows the wick to live within it and both are supportive of each other. Without His Spirit living as a shining bright, white light atop of us, we are just a piece of wax, melting in the heat of the day, without light and without shape.*

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory:

There are many types of wax, each having a different consistency of purity. The purer the wax, the cleaner it burns and the brighter the light. Have you ever watched a candle burn? The flame flickers as an arrow pointing upwards forming a fine point just like the candle in the spiritual realm directs us to our Creator. But much of the time there is also a smoky, sooty substance that accompanies the flame also drifting upwards. This soot is caused by the impurities in the substance of the wax called pollution, as being polluted, impure. The purer the candle's substance, the less soot released.

*It's just like the parables of refining or purifying metals, such as gold. As the gold is heated up to its liquid state, the impurities float to the top where they can be skimmed off leaving a clear surface. When asking a refiner the point when does gold become pure, the answer is: when you can see your reflection in its surface. So for us not to impede our Lord's light glowing in us, we need to purify ourselves, getting the soot, idol worship of "me, myself and I" being seen removed. The light is shining yet dimmed by carnal attitudes such as sarcasm, pride, and selfishness and alike, all masking His perfect light with an un-repentant attitude. They know you by your fruits!!! In regards to the physical candle, a clean flame is accomplished by using good clean wax, pure white, without additives, called a **smokeless candle**. In the Spiritual realm such a "candle" would be one having a **pure heart**.*

*Another candle characteristic is the unused wax dripping down its sides. The wax has a low melting point, un-tempered for the task, not able to withstand the heat of the flame. This wax gives up too early, unwilling to be offered up as a **"burnt offering"** and retreats back into the outward appearance of its former self. Now this unspent wax takes the shape of a waxy build up at the foot of the candle, **"thinking"** that its proximity to the candle is enough to give it credibility. Like us, the wax symbolizes the fooling of self and those that have likewise followed suit who have defaulted on their calling as a **"burnt offering."***

*It's as if this wax, unwilling to be used, did not **"count the cost"** of being refined to become pure wax. The wax of this candle is **"scared"** of the flame, Yah's Holy Spirit, **to be used** similar to the servant who buried his master's talent. At this point, the impurities of the wax's substance are exposed, one example being unwilling to **sacrifice self** despite being called, empowered with His Spirit. The cares of the world and self preservation are boldly seen over powering what should be its first love, serving and being utilized at His altar as a **"burnt offering."***

*This wax, formed in the shape of a candle, was built with inferior material just as many who find themselves doing far less than what is expected of one that is called, instilled with His Spirit. Once again, many are not fit for the work of supporting this perfect light that lives within. Those that are willing to purge themselves of the world for the purpose of serving would be like the physical candles labeled...**drip-less**.*

Lk 14:26~30 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he **cannot be my disciple**. And whosoever **doth not bear his cross**, and come after me, **cannot be my disciple**. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

There are many styles of candles made. The above references were speaking of the typical tapered stick candle, approximately 1 inch in diameter and 9 inches long. Yet there are also decorative types, as well as those candles that are 3 inches in diameter, some 5 or 6 inches long. If a 1 inch thick candle signifies

*the evidence of a Spirit filled life, illuminating that perfect light, as the wax gives of itself as a “**burnt offering**,” how much more illumination would a 3 inch thick candle give? It would stand to reason that the bigger the candle the greater the light. Yet the governing factor of the light intensity is the size of the wick. The wick size did not change and the flame that it produces is the same. Similarly, the gift of His Holy Spirit is given to all in equal portions. This is what is being stated by Paul in 1 Corinthians, Chapter 12.*

1Cor 12:4 ~7 &11 Now there are diversities of gifts, **but the same Spirit**. And there are differences of administrations, **but the same Lord**. And there are diversities of operations, **but it is the same God** which **worketh all in all**. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to **every man** to profit withal. Verse 11 But all these worketh that **one and the selfsame Spirit**, dividing to **every man** severally as he will.

What changes is the wax, not the wick, ergo the light. His Spirit is the same in all “candles.” So what about those fat candles, do they have any advantage? The fatter the candle the more wax to burn. Yet when examining such candles in action, their fruit, some obvious characteristics, become visually evident.

*The thicker, fatter candle starts out the same: the wick is lit and the flame is created. But shortly, after the flame starts to produce heat as the wax offers itself up as a **burnt offering**, something occurs concurrently. The candle being so wide has excess wax that has melted into a liquid that has not had the opportunity to be burnt. The wick, referring to His Holy Spirit, can only burn so much wax at a given time, for the wick is of a constant size, as His Holy Spirit being given in measure. Every believer gets the same amount of the Spirit referring to the size of the wick. The factors that differentiate the brightness of the light is wax purity and its proximity to the wick, meaning; its relationship with His Holy Spirit.*

As the wax melts into a liquid it forms a puddle surrounding the wick. This hot wax starts to melt the surrounding wax in which it comes into contact with. Once a little puddle, it has now grown into becoming a small lake of hot liquid engulfed in a container made of soft wax. The lake of unused liquid wax grows deeper and wider by the heat of flame. The wick starts to grow shorter being drowned by the unspent liquefied wax. The wax at the perimeter of the candle is too far away to be effected by the flame’s heat. Though the wax is softened by the heat, it does not melt but starts to curl under its own weight, not having any hardness, strength to stand.

Are we feeling any relationships with the fat candle of unspent wax and a self absorbing drowning life with little or no light to be seen? Compare that scenario to that of a thin, tapered candle living a life focused on the flame rather than on self. We’re talking about a candle, right? How did this all of a sudden become the problem about me, myself and I ?

*Also notice what occurs to the fat candle that still tries to burn. By this time, the lake of hot liquefied unused wax has become lower than the perimeter of the candle, forming a deep bowl. The light is no longer prevalent from the outside but only from above. This happened because the flame is no longer a beacon of light shining outwardly to illuminate the darkness. It has become self absorbed by the fat candle, stifled by the abundance of soft wax. The flame is overcome by **quantity** rather than **quality**. It’s like having a lot of stuff, but nothing of value. It calls itself a candle and looks like a candle, but does not perform as a true candle should by being a beacon of light set on high.*

Now the wick is no longer supported by the wax, but has fallen into the liquid. Once a true upright wick engulfed by the flame of light is now drowning in self-absorbed fat wax. The focus has changed: the light is no longer shining outwardly to others, but is being consumed by the candle. Similarly both

knowledge and understanding if only accumulated and not actively used become imprisoned in a useless captivity. Knowledge and understanding only find fulfillment in usage, called wisdom. We deceive ourselves in the gathering of knowledge apart from action, and betray His Spirit as we pawn it off as spirituality.

Should we not question ourselves on the model of our candle? Do we see ourselves here at all? Are we lifting up the light giving ourselves wholly to the flame? Are we a collection of stuff persuading selves to wait for just the right moment to shine? So how many Bibles are needed before we genuinely serve at His altar? And how many spiritual-filled magazines do we need each month to get motivated? How many Bible studies must be heard before applying the word? How long does one study before performing? We accumulate to fill our selves, yet we are called to fill others. We are called to bear fruit, not to eat it. We walk around under the illusion we are blinding others with our light, yet one would need a step ladder to climb up on to look down on us to see that little light flickering with our self- absorbed lives.

Jm 1:22~25 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, **deceiving your own selves**. For if any be a hearer of the word, **and not a doer**, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, **but a doer of the work**, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

In promoting illumination, the shape of the candle is as important as the quality of the wax. As in physical fitness, a leaner body is healthier than a fat body. A thin tapered candle has its goal set on elevating the flame for the light to shine. It is stripped of the over abundance of self to focus on its purpose in life...to support the light. In awe of the light, the thin candle places the wick far above its self, never equal with it. This is his life source, Yah's Holy Spirit within the person, displaying its power through...actions. This wax takes the shape of a tempered candle, void of excess with the world and the love of self. Shed of the endless searches of the word in recycle, but using all that it has, seen in action.

One can fool self into thinking more knowledge is needed before shining, more understanding before doing. But both understanding and knowledge come by way of in the field training. We are made perfect through Faith, the action of our belief.

As stated earlier in Mt 5:13~16: We are to be light to the world set on high, as the light of a candle set on a candlestick; shining in all His house. We are to shine before men, our good works to be seen, as Yah's Spirit works effectively through us.

Eph 3:14~19 ¶ For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit **in the inner man**; That Christ may **dwell in your hearts by faith**; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be **filled with all the fullness of God**.

Some die without having really lived, while others continue to live in spite of the fact that they have died.

A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle.

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