

## *Lights in Philadelphia*

When Benjamin Franklin decided to interest the people of Philadelphia in street lighting, he hung a beautiful lantern on the end of a long bracket attached to the front of his house.



According to Cole D. Robinson, writing in *World Horizons*, “He (Franklin) kept the glass brightly polished and carefully lit in the wick each evening at the approach of dusk. Anyone walking on the dark street could see this light from a long way off and came under its warm glow.”

What was the result? “It wasn’t long before Franklin’s neighbors began placing lamps outside their homes,” Cole continued. “Soon the entire city realized the value of street lighting and followed his example with enthusiasm.”

The story has application for us in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home.

First of all, if we live according to the clear light of God’s Word, the Bible, and we display the virtues our Lord wants us to have, such as gentleness, humility, kindness, a positive outlook and a servant’s heart, others will be attracted to what they see in us. Those qualities, by the way, equip us for the calling we have – to care for our residents and their families, and to lead our associates.

We should determine not only to follow good examples, but to be good examples.

– Beecher Hunter