

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Obeying His Word"
Luke 8:16-21
Study-31

The word "**hear**"- is used **nine times** in this section. It means much more than simply listening to words. "**Hearing**" means *listening with spiritual understanding and receptivity.*

Luke 8:8 "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Luke 8:18 "So take care how you listen"

"The distinguishing mark of true Christians is that they hear, understand, believe and practice the truth."

Luke 8 Miracles and Parables: Verses 1-21 His Power As A Preacher

Parable of The Lamp – Matthew 5:15; 10:26; 13:12; Mark 4:21-25; Luke 8:16-18

Relationships - Matthew 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Privilege Of Hearing And Receiving The Truth Brings With It The Responsibility Of Practicing The Truth."

- 1. Verses 16-18 Hear And Share The Word**
- 2. Verses 19-21 Hear And Obey The Word**

1. Verses 16-18 Hear And Share The Word

Luke 8:16 "Now" Context – Luke left off in Luke 8:1-15 Parable of "The Sower And The Seed" (Seed – Word, Sower Jesus; The Soil "Heart" Determines The Fruitfulness)

- 1. The "Hard Heart"**
- 2. The "Shallow Heart"**
- 3. The "Divided Heart"**
- 4. The "Fruitful Heart" Luke 8:15**

To understand a parable and benefit from it, it demands honesty and humility on our part; many of our Lord's hearers lacked both.

no one after lighting a lamp covers it over with a container, "The distinguishing mark of true Christians is that they hear and believe the truth." Now They Shine!

lighting a lamp Jesus is the light – (Truth) **John 8:12; John 9:5**

(Disciples) Matthew 5:14 Jesus describes His disciples that hear and receive the Word as lamps, that are to give out light for others!

(Picture Of An Oil Lamp) no one after lighting a lamp (KJV) "Candle"
They did not have candles at this time. It was a shallow vessel usually made of clay that was filled with olive oil, then it contained a wick (Cloth) that would give off light.

no one after lighting a lamp covers it over with a container, (a peck-measure) This was a measuring bowl, usually used to hold flour. Could be a produce basket.

or puts it under a bed;
small beds consisted of cushions on the floor. Some cases were bedframes that were about 5 inches off the ground.

The purpose of a lamp is to give light, what good is a light that is covered? What good is the light of revelation from Jesus if it is not acted upon, obeyed.

but he puts it on a lampstand,
This was usually a niche in the wall of the home where the lamp would be set.

so that those who come in may see the light.
The purpose of light is so that we can see, so we don't stumble, and that we can function properly.

Lamp is a picture of the Truth of God In The Christian. The Holy Spirit is the **oil** that empowers, the **flame** is the life/truth of God, and the Christian is the **wick** that is being consumed so that the light and can shine.

Reminder - Our Purpose Is Not To Conceal God's Revelation, But To Openly Display It For Others To Benefit From. Philippians 2:14-15

Context - Luke 8:10 (Revelation – Light, Truth)

No greater grace then the revelation of who Jesus Christ is. One's own sinfulness and seeing Jesus as our only hope!

Our Life In Truth Is A Rebuke To The Unbelievers; Who Refuse To Come To The Light Even Though It Is So Readily Available.

Luke 8:17 We must be honest with ourselves and before God, confess!

Romans 1:20-25

Luke 8:18 "So take care how you listen;

Jesus warns us, about "*Superficial Hearing*" It's bad, but in the spiritual it can prove to be a disaster.

We will be responsible for what we listen to and hear.

for whoever has, to him more shall be given; Context - Luke 8:8

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear." Luke 8:15

We will be fruitful and grow!

We Need To Take Care In Listening - Our Grasping Of Truth Will Then Allow Us To Receive Further Truth. Hebrews 3:7-8

It's no mystery why people are stagnate and do not grow, it's because they don't want to.

and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him." Context - The one who doesn't have... That's the three types of bad soil that Jesus mentions in the parable.

Do you know that church is a dangerous place?

Lesson From The Lamp - "The Distinguishing Mark Of A True Christian Is That They Hear And Believe The Truth. They Reveal, Not Conceal The Truth"

2. Verses 19-21 Hear And Obey The Word:

Luke 8:19 And His mother and brothers came to Him,

Note Mary came with the half-brother's of Jesus **Matthew 13:55-56**

and they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd.

Mark 3:20-21

Luke 8:20 And it was reported to Him,

Someone interrupted Jesus and reported to Him that His family was there to see Him. **Matthew 12:47**

Mark 3:33 "Who are My mother and My brothers?"

Jesus What About "The Chain of Command?" Jesus was pro family.

Matthew 15:5-6 Jesus took care for His mother on the cross **John 19:26**

Jesus warned about stumbling little ones **Luke 17:2, Matthew 10:34-37**

Luke 8:21 (Jesus Gives 2 Truths)

- 1. Jesus teaches that spiritual relationships supersede family relationships: "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it." John 1:12-13**
- 2. Those who are rightly related to Jesus are those who hear the Word and obey it: "who hear the word of God and do it."**

Obedience Does Not Initiate A Relationship With God, Faith Does That, But Obedience Is A Sign Of It!

Luke 11:27-28

1 John 4:19; Psalm 27:10

"You and I are Jesus' family if we hear and obey his Word."

Application:

1. The Lamp Teaches The Distinguishing Mark Of A True Christian Is That They Hear And Believe The Truth. They Reveal, Not Conceal The Truth.
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