

- ✘ Mark 4:24c ~ [The Reward](#): “To you who hear, more will be given.”
- ✘ Mark 4:25a ~ [The Responsibility](#): To share the truth of the gospel ~ “For whoever has, to him **MORE** will be given!”
- ✘ Mark 4:25b ~ [The Accountability](#): “But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.”

Matthew Henry ~ “Burying a talent is the betraying of a trust, and [it] amounts to a forfeiture; and gifts and graces rust for want of wearing [or use].”

A Weighty Conclusion:

- ✘ God expects us to hear the parables, think carefully about them, and then take **ACTION** with them.
- ✘ Mark 4:33-34 ~ ³⁴ “Jesus used many stories like these to teach the crowd God’s message—as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He always used stories to teach them. But when he and his followers were alone, Jesus explained everything to them.”



✘ MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...

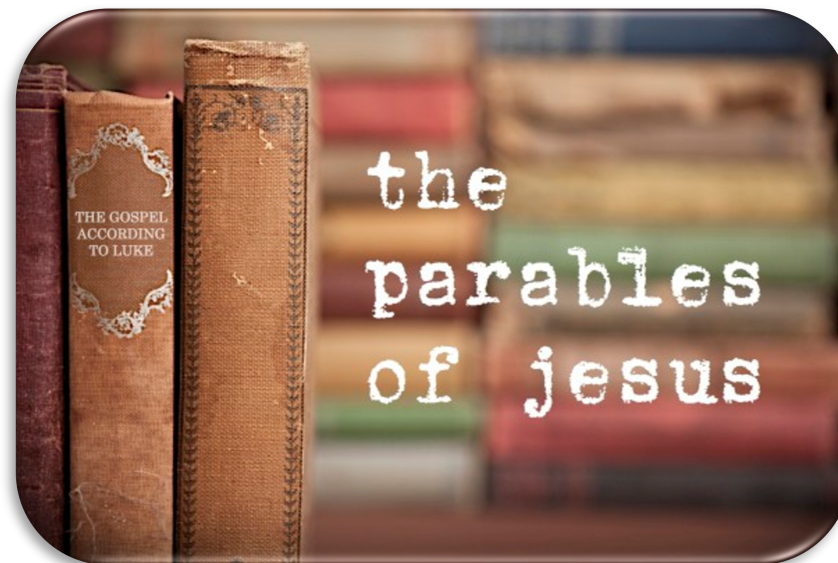
- Hear** ~ To really listen to the teachings of Christ and get into God’s Word.
- Consider** ~ To think carefully about what Jesus is trying to say to His Church!
- Believe** ~ To come alive in faith & let God’s Word explode with truth in my heart!
- Respond** ~ To take aggressive action concerning Christ’s revelation: embrace this truth, let it shape and mold me, allow it to impact my life!
- Shine** ~ To let my light and the truth of Jesus shine by sharing His message.
- Make a Faith Decision** ~ Prayerfully place my faith in Jesus Christ, God’s Son.

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MESSAGE GUIDE

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Message Talk Sheet

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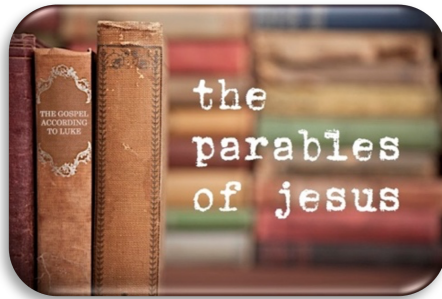
SERIES: The Parables of Jesus

Today's Message:

Some Final Parables of Jesus

"The Parable of the Lamp"

Text: Mark 4:21-25



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Series Overview:

- ✘ Started on August 11, 2019 ~ Finishing May 31, 2020
- ✘ By some accounts Jesus told **46** Parables ~ We covered them all in **29** messages.
- ✘ Why is this important? Jesus said, "To whom much is given, much will be required."

The Setting: Goes Back To Mark 4:1

- ✘ vv.1-2 ~ Jesus is teaching by the **SEA** from a **BOAT** as great multitudes gathered on the shore.
- ✘ vv.3-9 ~ The Parable of the Sower
- ✘ vv.10-12 ~ Jesus explains why He used parables.
- ✘ vv.13-20 ~ Jesus explains the meaning of the Parable of the Sower.
- ✘ vv.21-34 ~ Jesus shared several other parables: The Parable of the Growing Seed; The Mustard Seed; and **the Lamp**.



Message Talk Sheet (Continued...)

1. The Parable of the LAMP.

- ✘ Mark 4:21 ~ Jesus begins with a question: "Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand?"



- ✘ Lamps were meant to **SHINE!**
 - ↳ John 8:12; 9:5; 1 Thessalonians 5:5; Philippians 2:15; Matthew 5:14-16
- ✘ Mark 4:22 ~ Jesus taught: "There is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light."
 - ↳ We were not meant to be put under a bushel or under a bed!
 - ↳ We were designed to be set on a **CANDLESTICK!**

2. Think CAREFULLY About What You Hear.

- ✘ Mark 4:23-24a ~ Jesus challenged His disciples to "Think carefully about what you hear." (NCV)



- ✘ Here's Why: There is an element of blessing, reward, **responsibility**, and accountability when it comes to the parables of Jesus!
- ✘ Mark 4:24b ~ **The Blessing:** "With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you."