

## Luke 8:16-18 **Light – Revelation – Hearing**

### Lamp Brings Revealing Light

16 "No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light.

17 For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.

18 Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him." NKJV

### Influencing Light of Christianity

- ✚ The Christian is the light of the World. [Matthew 5:14, Mark 4:21, Luke 8:16-17, 11:33, Ephesians 5:8-14]
  - ✧ No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. [Luke 8:16]
  - ✧ If the light of a lamp is hidden, it is useless.
  - ✧ In like manner, if a Christian fails to radiate light to those around him, he has not fulfilled his purpose.
  - ✧ The Christian is to stand out like a city on a hill, or a lamp on a lampstand. [Matthew 5:14-15, Mark 4:21]
  - ✧ The Christian's purpose is to shine the light of truth on the world of darkness, to reveal the darkness of sin, and show the light of Godliness to guide the world to God.
  - ✧ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. [Matthew 5:16]
  - ✧ Our lives must be so lived that others may see the beauty of godliness in us and glorify our Father in heaven for the good works they see.

### All Secrets will be Revealed

- ✚ There is nothing covered or hidden, that will not come to light. [Matthew 10:26, Mark 4:22, Luke 8:17]
  - ✧ At the Judgment Seat of Christ, all will be revealed and called for accounting. [Matthew 12:36, Romans 2:16, 14:10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:10, 2 Timothy 4:1, Hebrews 4:13, 1 Peter 4:5]
  - ✧ Each person will certainly answer to God Himself, for everything he has done as well as for every choice he has made. [Romans 14:10-12, Matthew 10:5-15, Luke 10:16, Luke 9:23-26]
  - ✧ Knowing this truth, we can rest in the assurance that God is able to settle all accounts with divine justice at the proper time.
  - ✧ Knowing this, will also help us to preach the truth of the Word of God with boldness

### Responsibility for What and How you hear

- ✚ If anyone has ears to hear, **let him hear.**" [Mark 4:23, Matthew 11:15]
  - ✧ The choice to listen or refuse is yours, and you will be held accountable for the choice you do make. The Lord will reward you according to your choice.
- ✚ Therefore **take heed how you hear** and what you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him." [Mark 4:24-25, Luke 8:18, 19:26, Matthew 13:12, 25:29]
  - ✧ Be careful how you listen to a message. Do you accept every doctrine you hear, or do you exercise discernment to determine the truth from the deceptive lie of the deceivers?
  - ✧ Always remember the greatest danger in the last days is the abundance of deceivers with false doctrine. That is why Jesus gave so many warnings, lest you be deceived.

- ✧ The Bereans set the best example, for they received the Gospel readily and searched the Scriptures daily to see if the message was true. [Acts 17:10-11]
- ✧ Not everyone is able or willing to accept the truth revealed. [Matthew 11:14]
- ✧ That remained the statement throughout the Church age, and the book of Revelation.  
[Matthew 11:15, 13:9-17, 43, Mark 4:9, 23, 7:16, 8:18, Luke 8:8, 14:35, Acts 28:27, Romans 11:8, Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29, 3:6, 13, 22, 13:9]
- ✧ That ability comes only as a gift from God. [Deuteronomy 29:4, Isaiah 6:10, Jeremiah 5:21, Ezekiel 12:1-2]