



Living Walking Serving

FAITH AND GRACE CHURCH

**LEARNING FROM THE MASTER
(JESUS CHRIST- OUR CHIEF CORNERSTONE)**

STUDY 20-32: THE PARABLES OF JESUS – PARABLES NO. 6

Text: Luke 8:16-18, Heb.4:12-13, Revelation 3:14-22, Luke 6:49

Parable No. 6 – The Lamp on a Stand (Luke 8:16-18)

Summaries of Parables 1-5

Parable No. 1 – New Cloth Patch on an Old Coat (Matt. 9:16)

Parable No. 2 - New Wine in Old Wineskins (Matt.9:17)

Lesson from 1&2: Following Christ require us to replace old habits with new ones

Parable No. 3 – Lamp on a Stand (Matt. 5:14-15)

Lesson from 3: A Christian's actions cannot be hidden from the eyes of either our families or the world at large.

Parable No. 4 - Wise and Foolish Builders (Luke 6:46-49)

Lesson from 4: not to just admire Christ, but to obey Christ.

Parable No. 5 – The Moneylender (Luke 7:41-43)

Lesson from 5: The more we recognize the depth of God's forgiveness toward us, the more we'll go out of our way to worship, sacrifice, and obey.

Parable No. 6 – The Lamp on a Stand (Luke 8:16-18)

Continuing with the theme of the word of God introduced in Luke 8:4-15, Jesus compares His teaching to light. It should not be hidden, Those who receive the word are responsible to expose and publish the truth – that is, the word of God. So that people can benefit from the illumination it gives. Eventually everything will be revealed by the light of the word of God (Heb.4:12-13)

That those who enter may see the light: If you have the truth of God, you have a solemn responsibility to spread that truth in whatever way God gives you opportunity, even as someone who has the cure for a life-threatening disease has the moral responsibility to spread that cure. God didn't light your lamp so that it would be hidden.

(Luk 8:18) Those who receive the word become accountable; so we must take care how we hear.

It is dangerous to hear God's word in a too-passive way; without engaging the word with the mind, the heart, and the will. To be hearers only of the word, and not to be also doers of the word, means destruction (Luke 6:49).

In his sermon titled *Heedful Hearing*, Charles Spurgeon suggested some ways to heedfully hear the word of God:

- Hear attentively, retentively.
- Hear believingly, obediently.
- Hear candidly, honestly.
- Hear devoutly, sincerely.
- Hear earnestly, spiritually.
- Hear feelingly, sensitively.
- Hear gratefully, prayerfully.

When we hear the word of God, and receive it with gladness, more will be given to us from God's spiritual riches. That is, more desire to hear. More understanding of what you hear. More personal possession of the blessings you hear about.

Jesus reminds us that spiritual growth follows momentum, positive or negative. When we have the godly habits of receiving the word and living it, more is built on to that. When we lose those godly habits, they are extremely difficult to get back.

Even what he seems to have: Sometimes what people think they have spiritually, they only seem to have. The Pharisees were like this; so was the church at Laodicea (Revelation 3:14-22). The Laodiceans said of themselves, "We are rich, wealthy, and need nothing"; but they did not know that they were actually wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.

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