
Take Care How You Listen!

Listen so as to do!

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Luke 8:1-25

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Scripture Memory

Lk 19:10 *(Theme verse)*

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Lk 6:46 *(Dec memory verse)*

“Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

Lk 9:23-24 *(Jan memory verse)*

And He was saying to *them* all,

“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself,
and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.”

Outline of Luke:

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| 1. Prelude to Christ’s Ministry | 1:1 - 4:13 |
| 2. The Ministry in Galilee | 4:14 - 9:50 |
| 3. The Journey to Jerusalem | 9:51 - 19:27 |
| 4. The Passion Week | 19:28 - 23:56 |
| 5. The Consummation of Christ’s Ministry | 24 |

THE PARABLE OF THE SOILS

The purpose of parables

_____ in understanding for believing disciples

_____ for the “already-hard-of-heart”

This parable is the key to _____ the Word of God

The importance of this parable

Mk 4:13 “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?” ESV

This parable was delivered in _____ as a _____ [8:4-8]

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| 1 st soil – was a hard road | seed was trampled and eaten |
| 2 nd soil – had a rocky substructure | seed sprang up and withered away |
| 3 rd soil – was crowded with weeds | seed grew up and was choked out |
| 4 th soil – was well prepared | seed grew up and produced a great yield |

The parable was explained _____ [8:9-15]

The meaning of its elements

The sower’s seed is the Word [Mk], Word of God [Lk], Word of the Kingdom [Mt] - esp. the _____

The sower is _____ passing on the Word of God

The 1st soil represents those who have a _____ heart – don’t grasp the truth or refuse to pursue it

The 2nd soil represents those who have a _____ heart – initial interest, but abandon it

The 3rd soil represents those who have a _____ heart – initial interest, but slip away

The 4th soil represents those in whom God has _____ their hearts to be able to believe/obey

The fruit represents a growing Christian character and an obedient life

Of the four soils, only _____ represents those who come to true saving faith

THE PARABLE OF THE LAMP

This parable is to be applied _____ **and** _____ [8:16-18]

The meaning of its elements

The light is Jesus as the Word of God

The lampstand represents how Jesus has been put on display

Externally – the word of God is to be shared and explained

Internally – the word of God is to be allowed to change one’s heart into one of obedience

Lk 8:18 “Take care you listen” NASB

THE PARABLES IN PRACTICE

Obedient Listening Changes our Relationships _____ [8:19-21]

To prioritize our relationships with other believers

To demonstrate our obedience to God’s Word, not just hearing its words

Obedient Listening Changes our Perspective _____ [8:22-25]

To have a deeper trust in our Savior amid life’s unpredictable trials

To comprehend even greater depths of the knowledge of our Lord

Obedient Listening Changes our Service _____ [8:1-3]

To find our own way to serve the Savior

Application

- Diligently seek to understand the Word of God by beginning with a willingness to obey the truth
 - Engage in regular study and mediation of the Word
 - He will provide an increase in your faith and obedience
- Allow the word to convict you of every hidden sin
 - Then let the light that is in you shine out to others
- Set your relationship priorities around the people of God in obedience to his Word
- When looking at the trials in life, let your faith grow through them
 - He IS in control, do not fear

Is 55:3 Incline your ear and come to me. Listen, that you may live...
