

# Take Care How You Listen!

Listen so as to do!



Luke

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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**      *(December memory verse)*

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

**Lk 9:23-24**      *(January 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

Prelude to Christ's Ministry	1:1 - 4:13
<b>The Ministry in Galilee</b>	<b>4:14 - 9:50</b>
The Journey to Jerusalem	9:51 - 19:27
The Passion Week	19:28 - 23:56
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# It All Comes Down to...

Perform

I'm an Engineer!

Be Coordinated

Solve Problems

March

Memorize

Rithmetic

Ritting

Walk/Run

Play Instrument

Read Music

Read

Spellin

Listening

Hearing

“ Funna-mentals People ! Funna-mentals ! ”

# Outline of Luke 8:1-25

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# The Purpose of Parables

- Clarity in understanding for believing disciples
- Confusion for the “already-hard-of-heart”

# The Parable of the Soils

- Is the key to understanding the Word of God

“Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?”

Mk 4:13 ESV

# The Parable of the Soils

- Is the key to understanding the Word of God
- Was delivered in public as a mystery
  - Road = beaten pathways between field sections
  - Rocky = sublayer of rock under the topsoil
  - Thorns = weeds with deeper roots than the tiller
  - Good soil = well prepared



# The Parable of the Soils

- Is the key to understanding the Word of God
- Was delivered in public as a mystery
- Was explained privately
  - Seed: The Word of God – exp. The gospel
  - Sower: Anyone passing on the Word of God
  - 1<sup>st</sup> soil: the hard heart – refuses to pursue
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> soil: the superficial heart – initial interest, abandons
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> soil: the distracted heart – initial interest, slips away
  - 4<sup>th</sup> soil: the heart cultivated by God, ready to believe and obey
  - Fruit: Christian character and an obedient life
  - Only one soil represents true saving faith

# The Parable of the Lamp

- Is to be applied internally and externally
  - Beginning with the apostles – no more parables
  - Ps 51:6 “You desire truth in the inward parts”

“Take care you listen” Lk 8:18

# The Parables in Practice

- Changes our Relationships Socially
  - To prioritize our relationships with other believers
  - To demonstrate our obedience to God's Word, not just hearing its words
- Changes our Perspective Practically
  - To have a deeper trust in our Savior amid life's unpredictable trials
  - To comprehend even greater depths of the knowledge of our Lord
- Changes our Service Pragmatically
  - 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 meditation 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...