

## A Lamp Under a Basket

21 For ver. 21-25, see Luke 8:16-18 And he said to them, Matt. 5:15; Luke 11:33 “Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? 22 Matt. 10:26; Luke 12:2; [1 Tim. 5:25] For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. 23 ver. 9 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” 24 And he said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear: Matt. 7:2; Luke 6:38 with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. 25 See Matt. 13:12 For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

- ***God gives to use because He expects us to use what He gave.***
  - ***We are not to hid or store what He has given, whether that’s a talent, skill, money, spiritual gift, it is all ours to use for Him.***
- ***God isn’t going to give you or me a secret revelation that is only for me.***
  - ***He works and gives us knowledge and understanding in order to tell others about Him.***
- ***The fact that we have ears is proof that we were intended to listen.***
  - ***Therefore use what God gave you, and listen to others who are further along in their faith and listen to God.***
- ***The way you measure others will be how God measures you***
  - ***If you expect a lot from others, we better hold ourselves to just as strict or even more strict standards, never less***
- ***Bloom where you are planted***
  - ***You cannot wait until you have more, you have to work with what you have.***

- ***If you can't be trusted to use what you currently have you're not going to be given more.***
- ***The one not using what God has given will lose that as well, and more.***
- ***Bloom where you are planted.***

### **The Parable of the Seed Growing**

26And he said, [Matt. 13:24-30] ***“The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. 27He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; [Eccles. 11:5, 6] he knows not how. 28The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29But when the grain is ripe, at once Joel 3:13; Rev. 14:15 he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”***

- ***We are called to work.***
  - ***We don't have the ability to cause rain, or hold off a drought***
  - ***We can't make the seeds germinate***
  - ***We aren't really sure how it all works***
  - ***God takes care of the details***
  - ***We are to work hard***
  - ***Do everything for the Glory of God. Colossians 3:17***

### **The Parable of the Mustard Seed**

30 For ver. 30-32, see Matt. 13:31, 32; Luke 13:18, 19 And he said, ***“With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? 31It is like Matt. 17:20; Luke 17:6 a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, 32yet when it is sown it***

grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

33 [Matt. 13:34](#) With many such parables he spoke [See ver. 14](#) the word to them, [John 16:12; 1 Cor. 3:2; Heb. 5:12](#) as they were able to hear it. 34 He did not speak to them [\[John 16:25\]](#) without a parable, but [ver. 10; \[ch. 13:3\]](#) privately to his own disciples he [\[2 Pet. 1:20\]](#) explained everything.

- ***Our work might seem small and insignificant, but remember who is in charge.***
  - ***God is making the seed sprout, and grow, and He is working the final product***
  - ***Our job is to be faithful and tell others,***
  - ***Allow Him to produce exactly what He desires, don't worry about what you or I desire.***
- ***My question is why did Jesus not explain everything to everybody?***
  - ***He knew that it would have been like throwing pearls to swine***
  - ***The crowds were not ready to hear the explanation, they simply wanted selfish things like entertainment, a story to tell,***
  - ***but Jesus saved the explanations for those who were ready to hear it***
  - ***We need to be mindful of the same***
- ***This week I found myself trying to explain finer points of the Christian walk with people,***
  - ***and it was useless and unfruitful, because they were not ready nor interested in truth, just selfishness.***

## Jesus Calms a Storm

35 [For ver. 35-41, see Matt. 8:18, 23-27; Luke 8:22-25; [John 6:16-21]] On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” 36 And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves [Acts 27:14] were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” 39 And he awoke and [Ps. 104:7; [Luke 4:39]] rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and [Job 38:11; Ps. 65:7; [ch. 6:51; Matt. 14:32]] there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, “Why are you [John 14:27] so afraid? Have you still no faith?” 41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, [ch. 1:27] “Who then is this, that even [Luke 5:9] the wind and the sea obey him?”

- **He left the crowds**
  - *It's hard for us to do, but we can't get caught up in numbers of people, but we must focus on the actual disciples*
  - *This sea had a tendency for ferocious storms to spring up quickly.*
  - *I think I would have been just like the disciples, screaming and begging Jesus to wake up and save me*
- **But, Jesus was sound asleep.**
  - *Their question, was wrong. Of course He cared.*
- **We must recognize Him for who He is.**
  - *He is not our wishing well to do what we please*
  - *He is God and Lord of the universe, and we are His to do with as He pleases.*