



"How Good Is Your Hearing?"

Last Sunday was the Parable of the Sower and the Seeds! We looked at 4 types of hearts that Jesus taught on...we hope that you have the 4th type of heart..."**Good Soil**". (The Seed is the Word of God)

This morning is how important it is the **HEAR** what Jesus says and put it into action!
**Let your light shine and make sure that you are in obedience to God's Will...His Word!*

Luke 8:16-21

1. How you HEAR is so vitally important!

- **Verse 18** – it will either bless you or curse you!
- *How you respond to the Message of the Gospel is 100% up to you!*
- **Luke 8:16** – no one covers the light to hide it once you have light and **SEE** its power!
- We know that Jesus is the Light of the World... **John 8:12!** Our lives have the LIGHT when we repent of our sins (**John 3:19**) and believe in Jesus Christ/Confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior! **Luke 2:32**
- **John 14:6** – Jesus is the ONLY Way, the ONLY Truth and the ONLY Life!
- **James 1:22** and **Matthew 7:24-27** – HEARING and DOING makes the difference!

2. How you HEAR will be obvious to other people!

- **Verse 17**
- **People see!** People see your behavior and actions! Actions all comes from the HEART! That is why Jesus taught on the Parable of the Sower and Seeds right *before* this!
- **People see the FRUIT!** The FRUIT shows what kind of TREE that it really is! **Luke 6:43-44**
- *It comes down to this – your life is either LIGHT or DARKNESS!*
- **Psalm 19:12-14** – If you don't deal with the darkness and get it out by turning to God...the downward spiral of sin will take you all the way to **GREAT SIN!**
- **Hebrews 4:13** tells us that you can't hide anything! It will all be revealed!
- Adam and Eve thought that they could hide behind their fig leaf but they were very exposed!
- Sin will leave you in a very shameful spot in life! Darkness runs deep!

3. How you RESPOND to what you HEAR will determine whether you are blessed by God or not!

- Verse 18
- Your response to Jesus and His Word EVERY SINGLE DAY either makes or breaks your life!
- **See, there is a blessing here but a WARNING too!** “Even what you THINK that you have will be TAKEN from you.”
- “I do a lot of good things” / “I’m a fairly good person” / I haven’t done what a terrorist has done”
- Ephesians 2:8-9 – Salvation has NOTHING to do with you – It’s all Jesus! Romans 3:10
- Just take a look at the **10 Commandments** – we have ALL (Romans 3:23) busted them!
- **The ultimate deception** I believe is found in Matthew 7:21-23!
- It is possible for people to identify as part of the CHURCH and still never meet Jesus!
- **At the END – it will all be taken away from them!** “Depart from Me I never knew you.”
- *You heard the Word! You acted like you loved Jesus and church and all of the things associated with it...yet you never truly lived it!*
- **The Holy Spirit came to CONVICT the world of its sin!** If we do not feel the conviction of the Holy Spirit when we HEAR the Word of God – *something is wrong!*
- The question is not “How are you doing with God?” The question is “How is God doing with you?”

Closing: Are you truly in the family of Jesus?

- Verses 19-21
- See, the people who are truly in the family of Jesus are those who actually do verse 21!
- **Jesus is not being disrespectful to his earthly family** (Mother, brothers, sisters etc.)
- **Jesus is making it crystal clear that His real family are those who follow and obey God the Father’s Way and Will! His Word!**
- Your status in this town and city, your associations and circles, your job and even your last name mean NOTHING if Jesus is not the center of your life!
- **What truly matters**, is if you are a son or daughter of the King! A true brother or sister in the family of God!
- 1 John 2:5-9 – You can’t love the world and Jesus too! You can’t love darkness and light too! You must pick!
- **It’s more than just saying** “That was a great message today!” or “That was great worship today” ...it’s all about whether or not you take what you hear and apply it and put it into practice!
- 1 Peter 2:9 – This is for you if you choose it!
- Have you made this decision today?
- Are you living in darkness or the Light? Are you being the light on this earth for Jesus?