



LEND ME YOUR EARS

LUKE 8:16-21

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I. THE CONDITION OF HEARING. “HOW” & “TAKE HEED”

Take heed therefore how ye hear:

How: *pōs*. in what way, as opposed to “what” (although equally important in spiritual areas.)

“Take heed” *blepō*. to weigh carefully. “Careful attention or observation.” **Webster**

Psalms 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

II. THE CONSEQUENCES OF HEARING

A. For Proclamation. Verse 16

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B. For Proving. Verse 17

For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

Matthew 12:37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. Malachi speaks of a future day; this speaks of your true character now.

Malachi 3:18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

C. For Production. Verse 18

Take heed therefore how ye hear: for (because) whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have

Seemeth: ***dokeō***. To be of reputation, but reputation is not always what one is. “to appear to the observation.”

D. For Priority. Verses 19-21

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