

INTRODUCTION

A. A PARABLE UNIVERSE (Mk.4:2,10(3,9),13; 33,34; see Mt.13)

B. NEW TESTAMENT WISDOM LITERATURE (see Prov.1:6; Ps.49:4; 78:2(Mt.13:34f); see James)

I. THE PARABLE OF THE LAMP (Mk.4:21-25; Lk.8:16-18)

A. LAMP: LIT, BROUGHT & COVERED?! (Mk.4:21; Lk.8:16; see Mt.5:15; Lk.11:33)

B. LAMP: LIT & POSITIONED?! (Mk.4:21; Lk.8:16; see Mt.5:15; Lk.11:33; see Jn.12:46; 1Tm.3:15)

C. FOR THOSE WHO ENTER (Lk.8:16; 11:33; see Ps.25:10,14)

D. HIDDEN IN ORDER TO BE REVEALED (Mk.4:10f,34; Lk.8:9f; see Mt.11:25; Lk.10:21)

E. ACCEPT OR REJECT (Mk.4:23,9; see Ezk.3:27; Lk.8:8; 14:35; Mt.11:15; 13:9f,43; Rev.2:7,etc.; see Jn.12:48)

F. WATCH HOW MUCH YOU HEAR! (Lk.8:18; Mk.4:24; see Lk.6:38; 2Cor.9:6; 2Kngs.4:1f)

G. MUCH GETS MORE; LITTLE LOSES ALL (Mk.4:25; Lk.8:18 /Mt.25:22f; Lk.16:10 19:17 /Prov.1:5; 9:9)

II. MEASURE AN ABUNDANT MEASURE! (Mk.4:24)

A. PRAY TO HEAR ABUNDANTLY (Mt.13:11; Lk.24:45; Heb.4:2; see Ps.119:18; Col.1:9)

B. BE EAGER TO HEAR ABUNDANTLY (Mt.13:19; see Acts 17:11; Heb.2:1)

C. LOVE TO HEAR ABUNDANTLY (Mt.13:20; see Ps.1:2; 119:97,113,163,165 & 70,77,93,174; 2Th.2:10; 1Pt.2:2; see Mt.22:37; Jn.10:27; 1Th.2:13)

D. HEAR DEEPLY (Mt.13:21; see Lk.9:44; Prov.2:1; 119:11; see Dt.6:7; Lk.24:14; Acts 17:11)

E. HEAR CLEARLY (Mt.13:22; see Jms.1:21; 1Pt.2:1)

F. HEAR OBEDIENTLY (Mt.13:23; Jms.1:25; see Ps.40:8; 119:34,44,55,136)

G. HEAR OFTEN (Acts 17:11; 28:23; Prov.8:34; Ps.119:97)