

# The Illuminated Life

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Luke 8:16-18 ▪ Sunday, June 29, 2025 ▪ Ryan Wildauer

God's Gospel's light is \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16)

Our \_\_\_\_\_ of truth is \_\_\_\_\_ to God. (v. 17)

Listen \_\_\_\_\_ and you will discover \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 18))

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## **Luke 8:16-18**

<sup>16</sup> "No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. <sup>17</sup> For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light. <sup>18</sup> Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away." (ESV)

## ***Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions***

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**Open:** Think about a time you learned something valuable or discovered an important truth. What was it? Did you share it with anyone—and why?

**Read & Discuss:** Luke 8:16-18

1. Jesus uses the analogy of a lamp in verse 16. What do you think this metaphor is intended to communicate about the purpose of spiritual truth? (*See also Matthew 5:14-16.*) What are some ways we can actually do this with our lives?
2. Verse 17 states, "For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor anything secret that will not be known and come to light." What does this promise (or warning) imply about truth and accountability—both in God's larger plan and in our own individual lives?
3. Verse 18 begins with a crucial warning: "Take care then how you hear." Considering the parable of the sower that precedes this passage in Luke 8:4-15, why is it so important to pay attention to *how* we respond to God's Word, and what might be the danger of doing so carelessly?
4. **Read James 1:22-25.** How does James' teaching about being doers of the Word relate to Jesus' warning in Luke 8:18? What are some ways you've found it difficult—or rewarding—to put into practice what you've heard from Scripture?
5. Jesus says in verse 18, "For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away." What do you think Jesus means by this? (*See also Matthew 25:29.*) What might it look like to be a faithful steward of the truth God has revealed to you?
6. In what ways might we be tempted to hide God's truth or obscure the light of the Gospel—whether out of fear, shame, or distraction? What helps you live your faith more openly and courageously?
7. How does this passage challenge the idea that faith is a private matter? If someone were to observe your life, what kind of "light" might they see?

**Apply:** Looking back at this passage and our discussion, how are you personally challenged to respond to what you've heard? What's one small but specific way you could let your light shine more brightly this week?

**Pray:** Pray for open hearts to truly hear and receive God's Word, and for courage and wisdom to live out and share the light of Christ in ways that bring glory to Him.