

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 8:16-18

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**THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:**

**"WHEN GOD SHOWS OFF"**

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

**SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:**

**Living the Word of God,  
Fruit**

**Introduction to the Text; Luke 8:16-18**

**Statement of Textual Summation and Theme**

There's Something Very Powerful  
Within the Heart of a Parent to see their child do well.

Pictures of;  
Baby's first step, the first day of school, their wedding day.

"You Know My Son or My Daughter"

There is a Powerful, Parental Passion to See Their Children Happy and Doing Well.

A Parent Desire's to Show Their Child Off  
Sports, choir, or...

The Lord is Like That Towards Us;

**Ephesians 2:10**

For we are His **workmanship, created** in Christ Jesus for good works, which God **prepared beforehand** that we should walk in them.

**Meaning: "I have just the right life, right direction,  
right path for jack in this world..."**

Jesus Sums Up His Desire for His Children to be Real in This World  
in verses 16-18

### Luke 8:16-18

“No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts *it* under a bed, but sets *it* on a lamp stand, that those who enter may see the light. :17 For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor *anything* hidden that will not be known and come to light. :18 Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him *more* will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.”

## When God shows off

He displays His mighty works = the Stars, Creation,  
but the greatest of his works is the Re-creation of lives...  
the transformation of People.

Jesus Said:

It's like putting a lamp on a lampstand - it makes sense, it makes good use, everyone is better, people can see, there is safety, calm

## WHEN GOD SHOWS OFF

### 1.) *He turns the light on*

v.16

“No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts *it* under a bed, but sets *it* on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light.

### And He's Going to do That in the Lives of His Children

Jesus Turns the Light On  
and there stands His Child in This World, the Christian.

## HE TURNS THE LIGHT ON

### 1a.) *Because light rejects the dark*

#### Verse 16

“No one, when he has lit a **lamp**,  
covers it with a **vessel** or puts *it* under a **bed**,

*The word usage is very suggestive  
and easy to be understood by those hearing Him.*

The lamp was a common lamp, often called a candle.  
Every house had one or more.

**lamp** λύχνος *luchnos*, *lookh'-nos*; a small portable lamp.

a candle power, a small little light.

## WE HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT OF THE DARK

**Colossians 1:13**

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

### Verse 16

The Lamp, The Vessel, The Bed

The **vessel** or **basket** was used to represent commerce, tools and supplies for commerce, daily work.

The **bed** was more of a **couch**, naturally for rest, relaxation and for sleeping.

"There Are Some No-No's Concerning the Gospel's Power in Your Life."  
You never cover the light with a vessel, basket = the things of work and you never cover the light with the things of leisure = things of ease

Jesus is 24/7 Lord at work or at play,  
on the job or on vacation, Jesus is Lord. - Is Jesus Lord?  
All of us, every single one of us are to be witnesses of Jesus Christ.

### But What is The Light That Jesus is Speaking Of?

**1Corinthians 3:16**

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

**John 14:16-18**

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— :17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. :18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Wherever God Is, Is Where The Temple Is

1. **Where Does Jesus Want to Go Today?**
2. **What Does The Lord Want to Do with You and I?**

## HE TURNS THE LIGHT ON

1b.) **Because light shows the way**

## Verse 16

But he sets *it* on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light.

He Wants to Put Us Where lamps and lights go...

We put them in key locations  
*(that's what the Lord does with us)*

We put them in dark spots  
*(that's what the Lord does with us)*

We put them in convenient places  
*(that's what the Lord does with us)*

What happens when a light is turned on?

Eyes adjusts, things are seen, understanding comes, a mood is struck.

Christian, You Were Designed by God to Burn Bright in this dark world.

When you walk in to the room, is that room affected? Does the darkness have to retreat?

### John 9:4-5

I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the* night is coming when no one can work. :5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

## THAT'S HOW WE'RE TO BE THINKING

Darkness is advancing in the world.

Evil is getting worse, men are hating more, people are becoming mean.

The Christian is to be a Reflector of the Light of God

### Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. :14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. :15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. :16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

## HE TURNS THE LIGHT ON

1c.) *because light effects the attitude*

## Verse 16

...that those who enter may see the light.

We All Carry **Influences** Everywhere we Go  
*The Christian Walking with The Lord will affect others*

Heavy Cologne or Perfume Left Behind

The meaning is clear, that those who listen and hear His words become as light to a dark world.

Are You **Light** Enough to be Changing  
Your World for Christ?

...that those who enter may see the light.

## Can God Show You Off?

The light that The Word brings is not to be tucked away or hidden. The message is not to be put out of sight or use; rather, the message is to be out in the open. The Word of God and the Christians' shiny witness is to be seen publicly.

### Colossians 4:3

praying at the same time for us as well, that God may open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned;

VOM (Voice of the Martyrs)

### Colossians 1:26-27

the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. :27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

## Can God Show You Off?

**King David had daughters**, uniquely dressed, very beautiful and very colorful.

**Joseph** was loved by his father, you could spot him in a crowd by his colorful coat.

In England, at Buckingham Palace, you can always tell when the queen is home - "the colors are up"

## WHEN GOD SHOWS OFF

**2.) He illuminates everything**

**v.17**

For nothing is secret that will not be revealed,  
nor *anything* hidden that will not be known and come to light.

**HE ILLUMINATES EVERYTHING**

**2a.) He reveals His perfect knowledge**

**Verse 17**

For nothing is secret that will not be revealed

It was never The Lord's intention to  
keep the Gospel secret or forever a mystery

The message of the cross and of the resurrection is advancing.  
It does through rain or shine - it cannot be a secret in your life

That illumination is the Gospel,  
the good news that a man can be forgiven, Or that a woman can restart her  
life, that a child can know God personally!

**2Peter 3:9**

The Lord desires that all should come to repentance.

**Listen to His desire**

**John 9:5**

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

**Listen to His desire**

**1John 1:5**

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is  
light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**Listen to His desire**

**John 8:12**

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows  
Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

**HE ILLUMINATES EVERYTHING**

**2b.) He exposes His plan to the world**

## Verse 17

Nor *anything* hidden  
that will not be known and come to light.

Things hidden are things that can hurt us.

### **Christianity is opposite of the Cults**

With their secret handshakes and closed meetings and rituals and membership, their hidden ceremonies additional books and magazines...

### **Jesus Shouts "No Secrets, Nope, Not a One"**

#### **John 18:20**

Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing.

We're Christians, we know the way to heaven. Don't whisper and keep it a secret. Let it out, get it out, live it out...

The world does not believe that you're going to heaven. I'm being honest... they don't think you're going.

**BECAUSE THEY THINK THAT IF HEAVEN WERE REAL...**  
those who *are going* would go crazy trying to get the word out!

We are to shout it out, live it out, give it out.

#### **Luke 12:35**

"Let your waist be girded and *your* lamps burning;

#### **John 5:35**

John the Baptist was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.

Things hidden are not good.

### **Caught On Tape**

My Ship wrecking the Houseboat Hitting that Hidden Rock  
just below the surface of the water.

**HE ILLUMINATES EVERYTHING**

2c.) *He announces His ultimate return*

Verse 17

Light implies being awake, being alert and being ready

**BEING IN THE LIGHT MAKES US READY**

**1Thessalonians 5:1-6**

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. :2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. :3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. :4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. :5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. :6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober.

**WHEN GOD SHOWS OFF**

3.) *He adds more of what we have*

v.18

Therefore take heed **how you hear**. For whoever has, to him *more* will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."

**HE ADDS MORE OF WHAT WE HAVE**

3a.) *Is how I'm hearing correct?*

Verse 18

Therefore take heed **how you hear**.

GRK = to pay very close attention, give all effort, tune in to,

**There is a grave warning here...**

Jesus is saying that - what we hear **goes** into our minds and has a **result**. The result is it **shapes** our thoughts. Our **thoughts** direct our actions; what we listen to begins to control our minds, acts, and lifestyle.



## What's in your head will determine your lifestyle.

Is It Lakers Basketball or Chargers Football? Is it Skyzoo or Beyonce, U2 or ?

Is Your Knowledge of God Secondary to Something?

In heaven, we will not be lamenting over having missed American Idol.

### Revelation 21:4

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Hearing "Face to Face"  
the old English word for face to face communication was...  
intercourse, direct, unbroken conversation!

That's What Jesus Wants With Us.

### Luke 21:36

...pray always, *be face to face with Me through life - you'll do great !*

### 1John 1:6-7

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. :7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

## HE ADDS MORE OF WHAT WE HAVE

**3b.) *Is what I have a good thing?***

### Verse 18

For whoever has, to him *more will be given*

Like the parable of the sower, fruit harvested produces more fruit.  
Light placed properly will generate more light.

**If You're A Christian Today, Living for Jesus, You're a Flashlight for God**

### John 8:12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. **He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness**, but have the light of life."

The more you shine with what you know,

the more light will be given to you so you can shine even more!

So The Question Is;  
"What Do I Have Spiritually?"

*whatever I have, more of it is coming to me  
as long as I continue from where I am.*

### **Luke 11:34-35**

Your eye is a lamp for your body. A pure eye lets sunshine into your soul. But an evil eye shuts out the light and plunges you into further darkness. :35 Make sure that the light you think you have is not really darkness.

## **Everything in life is a dynamic.**

We are either advancing on in spiritual things or  
we are backsliding away from spiritual things.

If man works out he gains strength, the more he works out, the more strength.

If a man sits and becomes flabby, what he had he loses  
until there is nothing left.

A student learns more by learning, a teacher becomes a better teacher  
by... teaching.

## **HE ADDS MORE OF WHAT WE HAVE**

**3c.) Is there anything keeping me back?**

### **Verse 18**

**And whoever does not have, even what he (seems) to have  
will be taken from him."**

So The Question Is;  
"What Do I Have Spiritually?"

*Whatever I have, more of it is coming to me  
as long as I continue from where I am.*

A person who is "slow" or spiritually retarded reveals that they have used  
very little of the light that they do have.

## **It's a firm warning**

is that someone can become unproductive, the light, the message has been  
received but not acted upon.

### **2Corinthians 4:3-4**

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. :4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

### **1Thessalonians 1:5-8**

For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. :6 And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, :7 so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. :8 For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.

### **James 1:22**

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

### Evaluation:

How can I know if I am shinning as I should be?

Are others "growing" right past me?

Is the bible hard to understand?

## **The danger with hearing a sermon.**

Every time we hear a message, the Lord holds us responsible to obey the message.

### **I hear a message about loving others -**

Did my life change after I heard the message?

If yes - more light is given / If no - some light is taken away

### **I hear a message about living godly -**

Did my life change after I heard the message?

If yes - more light is given / If no - some light is taken away

### **I hear a message about praying more -**

Did my life change after I heard the message?

If yes - more light is given / If no - some light is taken away

**With every sermon, bible study, bible verse we read;  
we become brighter or we become darker**

It all depends on **how** we *hear*

## Things I Can Do to Help Me Hear Better

#1

Ask The Lord to forgive me of my sins

#2

Ask The Lord to remind me of anyone that I have hurt or offended

#3

Prepare My Heart to Receive the Word of God

#4

Ask The Lord to make me a *doer* of the word not a hearer only.

What was the first point of the message?

What was the 3rd sub-point to Point #2?

**If You Need Ministry of Any Kind**

as soon as this song is over, you come forward today, and experience God's  
mercy and grace in your own life.

*End of Study*