

THE GOSPEL OF MARK "MORE"



"LIGHT MUST BE SEEN"

- *Rhetorical questions—duh!
- *Awful waste of ENERGY

TREASURE HUNT

- *Things are hidden in order that they may be found
- *Truth is to be made known— we are not told when or by whom
- *1 Corinthians 2:6-16

"CONSIDER CAREFULLY "

- *Talking about 'effective' hearing. To give time and attention to.
- *Indiana Jones The Last Crusade— "You chose wisely."
- *How you hear not what you hear.
- *Are you listening to the right stuff?

MORE

- *"Optimism" in vv. 21-22 verse 'Realism" in vv. 24-25
- *"The poor get poorer and the rich get richer" holds true in spiritual matters
- *God, in His grace, will give us more (if we want it)
-Proverbs 1:5-6, Proverbs 9:9

Proverbs 9:9 (NIV)

⁽⁹⁾ Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning.

Mark 4:21-25 (NIV)

⁽²¹⁾ He said to them, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand?" ⁽²²⁾ For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. ⁽²³⁾ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." ⁽²⁴⁾ "Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you--and even more. ⁽²⁵⁾ Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him."

1 Corinthians 2:6-16 (NIV)

⁽⁶⁾ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁽⁷⁾ No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁽⁸⁾ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁽⁹⁾ However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"-- ⁽¹⁰⁾ but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ⁽¹¹⁾ For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ⁽¹²⁾ We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. ⁽¹³⁾ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. ⁽¹⁴⁾ The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. ⁽¹⁵⁾ The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment. ⁽¹⁶⁾ "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Proverbs 1:5-6 (NIV)

⁽⁵⁾ let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance--
⁽⁶⁾ for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise.

What size container are you bringing?