

God's Light In Men Will Shine (Luke 8:16-18)

Coming on the heels of the parable of the soils, the point of that parable and this teaching is that the production of fruit is the evidence of the type of soil a man's heart is.

I. Light Shines By its Very Nature (16)

A. People Do Not Hide a Light

1. They don't cover it up
2. They don't hide it

B. People Display a Light

1. Meant to dispel darkness
2. People can see in the light

Doesn't make sense to hide a light and interact in the dark with your houseguests.

II. God's Word Shines By its Very Nature (17-18)

A. All Things Must Be Revealed (17)

1. The hidden will be made manifest
2. The secret things will come to light

B. Possession Leads to Production (18)

1. The one who has will be given more
2. The one who has not will have everything taken

To "have" is to possess the good soil that the word of God takes root in. The one who has this soil will produce much fruit throughout his life. Yet, the one who does not have the heart of good soil will have everything taken from him, in this life and the next.

The hidden heart is revealed by the fruit it produces. The secret things come to light through the man's life. Just like the light that can't be hidden, the word of God can't be hidden.