

# Use It Before You Lose It

Mark 4:21-25

As we saw last week in the parable of the soils, how we listen to the message determines whether or not we will be fruitful. A hard heart, a shallow heart, or a crowded heart will produce no fruit. In contrast, a receptive heart yields a fruitful life.

Jesus continues that same idea in Mark 4:21-25 where he teaches that we are to use the truth we were given. If we don't, it will be taken away from us.

## **A lamp is meant to be seen (21-23)**

Jesus and the kingdom did not come to be hidden but revealed.

Genuine disciples do not hide the truth. Light is meant to be shown. Secrets are meant to be revealed. True disciples listen to the revelation of God's Word and then proclaim it to others.

Those who reject the truth have it hidden from them.

## **Truth is meant to be obeyed (24-25)**

The axiom that the rich get richer and the poor get poorer holds true for the spiritual life.

The more we hear the Word of God, the more we are able to share it with others. The moment we think we know it all, what we think we know will be taken from us.

How well do you listen to God?