

YPG III

Theme: Discipleship

Text: Luke 8: 16 – 18

Title: "Shining for the Lord Jesus"

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THE IMAGERY OF THE LAMP

1. A common household item
2. Function
 - a. Used every evening as a source of light
 - b. Useful and necessary
3. Meaning
 - a. The source of light is obvious
 - i. The Lord Jesus
 - ii. The Word of God
 - b. But the light that comes from the Lord must be made personal to us
 - i. For us to apply
 - ii. For us to use
 - c. We are to shine for the Lord!

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO SHINE FOR THE LORD

1. To be distinctive in the way we live

"No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed..." (Luke 8: 16)

 - a. Light is distinct from darkness
 - i. A lamp will always shine in the darkness
 - ii. It is not meant to be covered or hidden
 - b. Encouragement
 - i. Don't be afraid to be different from those in the world
 - ii. Be distinct as a light that shines in the darkness
2. To be drawn to the Lord Jesus and His Words

"Therefore, take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given..." (Luke 8: 18)

 - a. If we are truly saved
 - i. We are naturally drawn to the light of the Lord Jesus (John 1: 4 – 5)

- ii. He will continuously shine His light on us
- b. We are drawn to Him and His Words
 - i. To hear
 - ii. To have
 - iii. To receive even more

APPLICATION TO YPG III

- 1. To shine for the Lord Jesus
 - a. Boldly
 - b. Without fear or shame
- 2. To keep your lamp bright and shining
 - a. This has to do with the Word of God
 - b. Hear, have, receive even more!