

Full Disclosure

Mark 4:21-25

Introduction: Does Jesus' light dominate our lives or is he relegated to a place where he can't clearly be seen by those under our influence?

Mark 4:21-25 - Review of Mark 4:1-20

1. Hard and impenetrable soil - (4:4, 15)
2. Broken up but rocky soil (4:5-6, 16-17) or filled with weeds (4:7, 18-19)
3. Broken and ready to receive soil (4:8, 20)

Matthew 5:14-16; Luke 1:76-79; John 1:4-5, 9; 1 John 1:5-7; 2:8-10

Precept: The light in this parable is Jesus who needs to have a prominent place in our lives. He requires "FULL DISCLOSURE"!

A Challenge: The challenge is to put the light of Christ and our love for Jesus where it belongs in our environment and in our relationships.

The Gift: When the Holy Spirit came (Acts 2) something happened that could never be undone; hear the words of Peter, John and Paul in Acts 4:18-20; 17:6-9.

Conclusion: When Jesus turns your world upside down, you can't help but fully disclose why.

Caution: This will cost something. You will start thinking differently, your values will change, your desires will bend and what you love will be turned upside down. It all begins by putting the Light in its proper place.

Four times in these verses Mark uses the Greek *iva* which translates "in order that" or simply "that" indicating purpose. The very purpose of light is to reveal and expose!

In verses 24-25 Jesus is saying, 'faithful hearers, those who have heard what I said' strain their ears to hear correctly, labor consistently because the harvest is coming and they all know that hard labor now, will reap a plentiful harvest later. Light is for work but when darkness comes work will be ended.