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# THE TEXT – LUKE 8:4-18

- ❖ Jesus Explains His Use of Parables (vv. 9-10)
- ❖ The Parable in Context Serves as an Illustration (vv. 4-8, 11-15)
- ❖ Jesus Explains the Intention to Reveal, not Conceal (vv. 16-17)
- ❖ Jesus Explains the Individual Responsibility to Understand (v. 18)

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- ❖ Do I have an urgency about knowing the truth, and submitting to it? (**Acts 24:24-27**)
- ❖ Do I intend to put forth the necessary effort to ascertain the truth, or am I only desiring truth if it comes easy? (**2 Timothy 2:15**)
- ❖ Do I possess the predisposition to accept the truth regardless of its content? (**Acts 17:11**)
- ❖ Do I intend to obey the truth?  
(**Luke 6:46; John 7:17**)

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- ❖ Do I truly wish to follow God, or do I have ulterior motives in my heart? (Ezekiel 14:1-5)
- ❖ Do I want the truth, or am I seeking validation for settled beliefs? (Luke 10:25-29)
- ❖ Do I have any reservations before hearing the truth which I have predetermined will take precedence? (Matthew 19:20-22)
- ❖ Do I intend to follow truth wherever it may take me, even through trial and tribulation? (Mark 8:34-38)

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