

## **Listen Carefully**

In this passage Luke quotes three ancient proverbs and centers them around a single exhortation: “Take care then how you hear.” The proverbs Luke uses show us:

We must be careful listeners because of...

1. The Intent of the Speaker

- a. The Lamp on a Stand... see also *Luke 11:33*
- b. God has spoken
- c. So that we may “see”

2. The Certainty of Revelation

- a. What is hidden will become clear... *Luke 12:2*
- b. All truth may be known
- c. Knowledge is therefore obtainable *1 Cor. 13*

3. The Cumulative Nature of Truth

- a. He who has much will be given... *Luke 19:26*
- b. Embracing truth leads to learning
- c. Suppressing truth leads to ignorance *Romans 1*

Application:

- 1. Are you listening carefully to what God has spoken in his word?
- 2. Is your life and this world making more and more sense to you? Or are you increasingly bewildered by reality?
- 3. Do you strive to interpret the context of your life through the truth God has declared?