

GOD TOLD ME: Aggressive Reactions

LUKE 8:16-18

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***Before You Can Shine Within the World,
The Word Must Shine Within You.***

1. Prioritize Personal **Illumination** (16, 18).

2. Recognize Promised **Education** (17).

3. Exercise Persistent **Administration** (18).

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“No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light.

¹⁷For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light.

¹⁸Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away.” (ESV)

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Matthew 5:14-16.** As we think about personal illumination in Luke 9:16-18, we often confuse Luke's emphasis with the evangelistic message in Matthew 5. Why is it essential to experience personal illumination and seek that primarily?
2. Measure your passion for growing. It's not always a knowledge of "what to do" that's missing for most people as we consider spiritual growth. The missing component is often passion. How can a once-passionate people recover their former passion?
3. There's no such thing as being spiritually neutral. You are either in a state of progress or regress. Which direction are you trending in, and what are your next positive steps toward illumination in Jesus Christ?

Quote for the Week. . .

by Jerry Bridges

"Usually we think of methods of intake as falling into four categories – hearing the Word taught by our pastors and teachers (Jeremiah 3:15), reading the Bible ourselves (Deuteronomy 17:19), studying the Scriptures intently (Proverbs 2:1-5), and memorizing key passages (Psalm 119:11). All of these methods are needed for a balanced intake of the Word... [But] we must do more than hear, read, study, or memorize Scripture. We must [also] meditate on it (Joshua 1:8)."

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