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Topic: **Life of Christ: Consequence of Hearing**

Scripture Text: Mark 4:24-29

1. The single purpose of hearing God's Word is for us to obey it. This is the right manner of hearing. In verse 24, the Lord Jesus teaches us to be careful in what we hear. If we hear the wrong teaching of God's Word, then we will obey these wrong teachings which will be detrimental to our souls.
2. In Christendom today, there are many false churches and false teachers and pastors. In the last days, many churches will fall away from the truth. Hence, we must be discerning in ensuring what we hear is the Word of God. We must learn from the Berean Christians to check what we hear with the Scriptures.
3. When we hear the right teaching of God's Word and desire to obey it, then more will be given unto us. This means our desire for God's Word will grow and we will want to study it more. This will result in the more we will want to obey God's Word and our lives will be changed.
4. The Lord Jesus taught in verse 25 that the reverse is true for those who have no desire to obey and study God's Word that even those little understanding that they had of God's Word will be taken away. This is what a backslider is. It is not a trivial sin when a person backslides as he or she has affected many with a bad testimony for Christ.
5. The Lord Jesus used the parable in v.26-29 to illustrate a fruitful and transformed life for those who listen and obey the Word of God. In the day of Judgment, God will reveal who are His children and they will be those who truly love God's Word and obey it.