**SERMON** Mark **4:21-34** …**It Will Be Measured To You**

The kingdom of God is assured to

**relentlessly expand** and **ultimately triumph. *(J. Pursewell)***

**POINT 1. A Lamp v 21-23**

**POINT 2. Seeds Growing and The Mustard Seed v26 -34**

**POINT 3. A Measure 24-25**

“with the measure you use, it will be measured to you”

*This type of hearing makes a difference and results in deepening perception and increasing fruitfulness- so when*

*one* ***receives*** *the truth, and* ***responds to*** *the truth, one’s capacity to* ***receive more*** *truth and experience the* ***effect of truth is enlarged****.* ***Grace motivated****,* ***diligent effort*** *is rewarded. With the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” C.J Mahaney)*

**V24 “STILL MORE**!”~

**V25 “MORE WIL BE GIVEN** !”~

“This is a principle which we find continually brought forward in Scripture. All that believers have is undoubtedly of grace. Their repentance, faith, and holiness are all the gift of God. But the degree to which a believer attains in grace, is ever set before us as closely connected with his own diligence in the use of means, and his own faithfulness in living fully up to the light and knowledge which he possesses.

Indolence and laziness are always discouraged in God's word. Labor and pains in hearing, reading, and prayer, are always represented as bringing their own reward. Attention to this great principle is the main secret of spiritual prosperity. The man who makes rapid progress in spiritual attainments —

who grows visibly in grace, and knowledge, and strength, and usefulness — will always be found to be a diligent man.

He leaves no stone unturned to promote his soul's well-doing.

He is diligent over his Bible, diligent in his private devotions, diligent as a hearer of sermons, diligent in his attendance at the Lord's table. Just as the muscles of the body are strengthened by regular exercise, so are the graces of the soul increased by diligence in using them.

Do we wish to grow in grace? Do we desire to have stronger faith, brighter hope, and clearer knowledge?

Beyond doubt we do, if we are true Christians. Then let us live fully up to our light and improve every opportunity.

Let us never forget our Lord's words in this passage. "With what measure we use;" to our souls, "it shall be measured to us again." The more we do for our souls, the more shall we find God does for them.”

*J.C. Ryles, The Parable of the Measur*