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-- President Wright

Scripture lesson: Verses 21-25, Fourth Chapter Mark

The scripture lesson we have just read, according to St. Mark, is the next record after Jesus had selected His disciples and begun to talk to people in parables. This parable follows the one of the sower and makes the statement that nothing shall be hid. I wonder if we get the full significance of that. We have all seen a lot of folks in the world who think they can hid their thoughts and even their deeds from Jehovah. It can't be done. If you want to conduct any kind of legitimate business, it makes no difference what, it ought to be so conducted that anyone can be given any of the facts about the business. Take this college, for example, all the deeds of the college, so far as the offices are concerned are absolutely open to inspection, by any one who has a right to know them. All fundamental principles, such as our method of choosing students who will be given work, from among those who apply for it, can be printed in your paper, and published to the world. I am not going to take time this morning to explain but if there is anything in connection with the college you want to know, come to the office and find out. You will find all through the college that everything is worked out on a basis that may be known. Someone says that he can hide certain things. I wonder if you know how a record is made? the kind you go to the store and buy and play on your victrola. I don't, but I know this. It is a record and you can put it on a certain kind of mechanical device and make it talk back to you, and it always says just what was said into the thing that started that record. We know that is possible. I perform an act and a record is made that a million years from now Jehovah can read. There will be nothing hid. We can't hide anything from Jehovah. Jesus was trying to get His disciples to realize that significant thing and to realize that they had the light of the world, and it was for them not to put the light where it won't be seen, but to put it where it may shine for the people of the world. And that is an

obligation that you and I have. You go to college and acquire things the world ought to have. Are you going away from here and hide that knowledge under a bushel, or, are you going to give it to the rest of humanity? It is your duty to let the rest of the world share the benefits of things you learn in college; if you do not the parable of the man with one talent applies to you, which is the same thought as in this parable we have read this morning. If you do not use what you have you will ^{lose} use it. "To him that hath, shall be given". That means if you use what has been given you life will mean more to you, you will see life in a different way; the more you use your God-given talents the fuller life you will live. If you do not use them, they die, you lose them. And if you would find your life you must lose it; lose your life in your job, forget self and lose your life in the thing you are doing, but be sure you are doing the right kind of thing.

This book we call the Bible is just filled with things we need to know and to use every day. It is the great guide to human activities. The knowledge you have, if used in the spirit it is intended to be used, will help any individual to live the fullest possible life.