

Mark 4v21-34

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through his word

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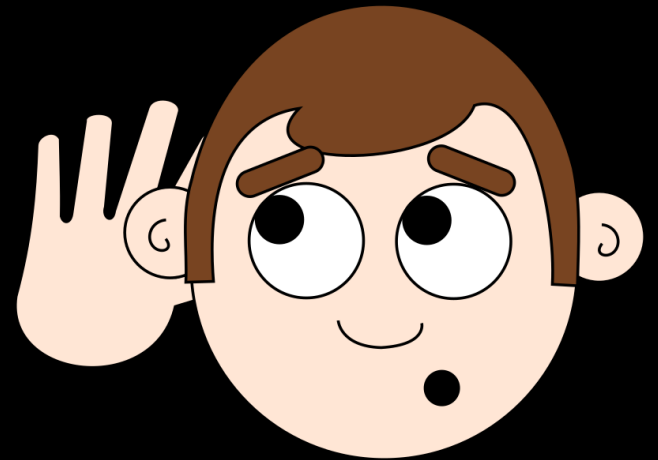
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V22: For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open.



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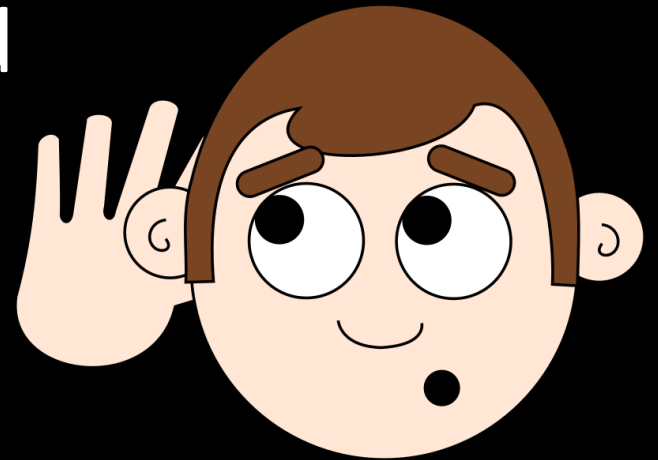
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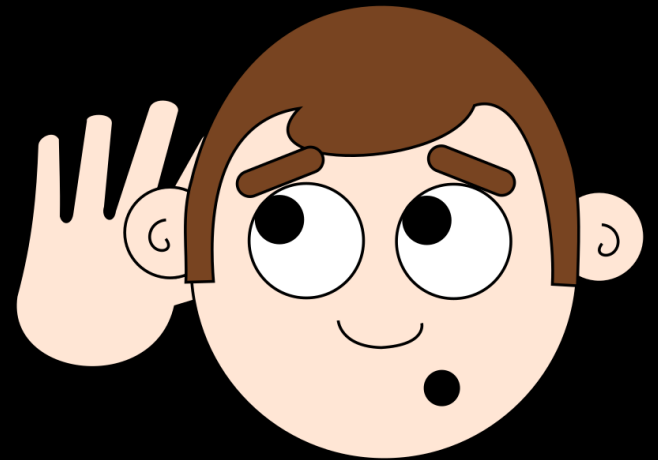
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V24: “Consider carefully what you hear,” he continued. “With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more.



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V25: Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.”



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V26-27: He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸All by itself the soil produces grain...

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“Whilst I was sleeping and drinking beer with my friends – the word did it all.”

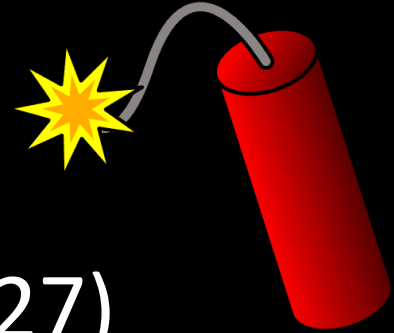
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V28-29: All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

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- Despite delay (v28-29)
- Despite seeming small (v30-32)

V31-32: It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

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Don't underestimate the power of God's word to grow God's Kingdom

