



SAINT LOUIS ABBEY



Homily on Luke 8.16-18

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No one lights a lamp to cover it with a bowl or to put it under a bed. No, he puts it on a lamp-stand so that people may see the light when they come in. For nothing is hidden but it will be made clear, nothing secret but it will be known and brought to light. So take care how you hear; for anyone who has will be given more; from anyone who has not, even what he thinks he has will be taken away.

These three sayings or parables of Jesus are about the power of the Gospel.

Whoever hears and accepts his word (the good news that God has become flesh and died for our sins) is admitting into his life a power like the creative force in the seed that will unfold into a mighty tree. Once we have accepted the word in the hidden place of our heart, in spite of its seeming fragility it will show its creative power in transforming our behavior. The hidden will be made manifest, we will be a source of light for others, we will experience that multiplication of life that goes beyond all calculation-not because of anything we have done but because we have accepted the infinite power of the word of God.