

GOSPEL OF MARK
Kingdom Hearing
Mark 4:1-20

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1. The growth of the Kingdom of God is dependent on the Word of God being shared and how it is

_____.

"Mystery ... is a divinely disclosed secret, a person or thing which apart from revelation could not have been discovered. ... Here the _____ is the powerful manifestation of the reign ("kingdom," "kingship") of God in human hearts and lives."
- William Hendriksen

2. A person's entry into and enjoyment of the Kingdom depends greatly on how they _____ the Word of God.

a. Be careful not to be an _____ hearer.

1) They do little or _____ with what they hear and therefore do not understand the truth.

2) They are actually in cooperation with _____ when they treat God's Word so lightly.

b. Be careful not to be an _____ hearer.

1) At first they hear and receive the Word with _____, but their hearing does not result in firm convictions.

2) _____ and persecutions reveal a "faith" that is only temporary.

c. Be careful not to be a _____ hearer.

1) At first they hear the Word of God and profess to _____ it.

2) The ordinary _____ of the world, a focus on material things, and sinful entanglement in the pleasures of life choke out the Word.

d. Make every effort to be a _____ hearer.

1) Be sure to hear the Word of God and personally _____ it as the truth.

2) _____ in your faith regardless of the trials and lures of the world.

3) Trust God to bring forth good _____.