



-- When Christ lights us, we \_\_\_\_\_ up.

-- v. 33a – “No one lights a lamp and puts it...under a bowl.”

-- The “no one” referenced here refers to God Himself most directly.

-- When it is Christ who lights us, we will shine by Him and for Him.

-- The light of Christ in us should shine Christ to \_\_\_\_\_.

-- v. 33b – “Instead he puts it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light.”

-- God intends for the light of Christ to be on display in His people.

-- The light of Christ in us should be making a difference in us that blesses others (Matthew 5:14-16).

-- The \_\_\_\_\_ within us determine the light that shines from us.

-- v. 34a – “Your eye is the lamp of your body...”

-- The eye here represents what we want in reaction to what we see.

-- The exact same circumstances inspire a host of unique responses, and those responses are the result of the desires of our hearts.

-- The course of our lives is \_\_\_\_\_ by the desires in our hearts.

-- We do what we do because we want what we want (Luke 6:45).

-- v. 34b – “When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are bad, your body also is full of darkness.”

-- Our inmost desires are the key to \_\_\_\_\_ success or failure.

-- If we want what God wants us to want, then our lives will be pleasing to God and eternally rewarding.

- If we want what God does not want us to want, then our lives will be ultimately worthless and misspent.
- The Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:11-15) – All four hearts received the same instruction from God, but only the last heart responded to God’s Word with godly desires.
- Our desires make all the difference.

**-- \_\_\_\_\_ your desires for the glory of God.**

- v. 35 – *“See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness.”*
- We are commanded here to examine our desires carefully and intentionally (Proverbs 4:23).

**-- Two electrical tests of the heart.**

1.) The \_\_\_\_\_ Test

- The true desires of our hearts can be quickly discovered by evaluating our most common “if only” statements.
- What are your “if only’s”? What do they reveal about the true desires of your heart?

2.) The Sin Inquiry Test

- The moment you recognize sin in your life, ask, “What was I willing to sin to get or to sin because I didn’t get?”
- Whatever we will sin to get represents an \_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts, because we clearly want it more than we want to please God.

**-- Changing our lives begins by changing our \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Context – v. 29-32
  - The people had been demanding of Jesus a sign.
  - Jesus had given these crowds the Gospel, but that is not what they wanted. They wanted to be dazzled and entertained.
- v. 36 – *“If your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be completely lighted, as when the light of a lamp shines on you.”*
  - The people wanted a new sign. Jesus tells them that they didn’t need a new sign. They needed new desires.
  - If \_\_\_\_\_ truly is our greatest desire in life, then we will never find our lives unfulfilling or our deepest desires unsatisfied.
  - Psalm 37:4 – *“Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.”*