

The Wise Builder

Pastor Anthony J. Shetley, Sunday, August 31, 2025

Sunday School Is Abundant Life University whose alumni will inherit eternal life in the eternal kingdom of God!

2 Peter 1:3 (NIV) His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Staying on the Right Path

Psalms 119:9–11 (NIV) ⁹ How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. ¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

2 Timothy 3:14–15 (NASB95) ¹⁴ You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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Matthew 7:24–25 ²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ “And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

What the Spirit Says to the Churches

To the seven churches in Revelations and to every church, Jesus says, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

The Pastor / Messenger (angel) receives the message and shares it with the church – the church hears and responds.

Not just a hearer but a doer of the word: James 1:22-26

Not the Word of Man but of God!

1 Thessalonians 2:13 ¹³ For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted *it* not as the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

Truth Leads Us Away From the Culture

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Chosen Out of this World

John 15:19 ¹⁹ “If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

Listening, Studying, Learning, Believing, and Following God's word leads one to Eternal Life!

The House / life of the wise builder will overcome and withstand the storms of life and most of all, will stand in the judgment!