



Introduction: Have you picked up the way that Jesus has been _____ His disciples here in Matthew 7?

How many of you are _____?

Jesus is going to tell a story about **Two Builders** who had five things in common. What are they? (Take notes here)

I. The wise builder – 7:24

24 “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

A. A wise man _____ the saying of Jesus Christ

The word “hears” carries with it the idea of _____ with the intent to obey, to do it.

James 1:22 - *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

Where can we Hear God’s Word today?

How to Become a Better Hearer

B. A wise man _____ the sayings of Jesus Christ.

What does it mean to be _____? Wisdom is putting God's word into daily practice. Matthew 5. (Take notes here)

C. A wise man builds his house on a _____ foundation – the ROCK.

Jesus says that the man who *hears* and *does* His sayings is like a wise man who builds his house on a rock.

The rock of course is Jesus Christ – Isaiah 26:16; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Peter 2:6-8.

Matthew 16:18 - *“On this rock I will build My Church”.*

D. A wise man will be able to _____ the storms of life.

The rain, floods, and winds that beat on the house are a picture of all the things we go through in this life.

Storms of Biblical Characters

- What _____ faced – Job 1:22
- What _____ faced - 2 Corinthians 11:22-28
- What _____ faced.
- What _____ face.

Life has its _____. We all face hardships in this life.

But get this, a life _____ on Jesus Christ can weather the storms. No matter what comes against the wise man's house it will remain upright because it has a solid foundation (Jesus Christ).

II. The _____ builder – 7:26-27

26 *“But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”*

A. A foolish man _____ the sayings of Jesus Christ.

Did you catch that? The foolish man heard the sayings of Jesus Christ.

B. The foolish man does not _____ them.

What is a fool?

James 4:17 - *He who knows to do right, but choose to do wrong, to him it is sin.*

C. The foolish man builds _____ ground – the sand.

Jesus likens this foolish person to someone who builds their house (their life) on the _____.

The foolish man made a very _____ investment in the purchase of his land plot.

D. The foolish man could not _____ the storms of life.

Again, Jesus speaks about the _____ of life – rain, floods, and winds. Jesus adds, *And great was its fall.*

III. Which _____ are you?

Tony Evans writes, “The storms revealed which man was wise and which one was foolish. The trials of life will expose what your foundation is made of.”

A. Are you the _____ builder?

B. Are you the _____ builder?

IV. How will you _____ to Jesus' sayings? – 8:28-29

A. The people were _____ at His teaching – 8:28

Are you excited to _____ the teachings of Jesus Christ? Do you look forward to attending Church to learn from God's Word?

The word "*astonished*" means, to be _____.

B. He taught them as one having _____ – 8:29

Conclusion: So, then what do we _____ from Jesus Christ as he wraps up the Sermon on the Mount?

1. We must _____ the words of Jesus. To hear means that you are leaning in.
2. We must "_____" the words of Jesus. We must put God's word into practice. We act on the teaching of Jesus Christ.
3. We will either be considered a "_____" or "foolish" man. Which do you want to be?
4. All of us will face various _____ in life (rain, floods, and wind) – it's a reality in this world.
5. Foundations are either built on _____ or sand. One stands, and the other falls.
6. Choose to build your life on the _____ of Jesus Christ alone.
7. We must be _____ by Jesus' sayings, and come under His _____ teaching. The power of His Word changes lives.