



SNAPSHOTS of the KINGDOM

Exploring the Parables of Jesus

August 23, 2026

The Parable of the Wise & Foolish Builders

Matthew 7:24-29

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Question:

What is "the good life" and how do we attain it?

Key Ideas:

1. Jesus is the voice of divine wisdom. *His voice leads to abundant life.*
2. Hearing and obeying Jesus leads to an indestructible and abundant life. *Failing to obey Jesus leads to destruction and ruin.*
3. Don't just hear Jesus—obey Him. *Build your life on Jesus' instruction.*

Application:

1. Fix your attention on Jesus' voice: *Whose voice is shaping your life? Whose voice is authoritative?*
2. Invite Jesus to remodel your life: *What area of your life does Jesus want to remodel so that it's built on Jesus' instruction?*
3. Practice what Jesus preached: *What is one way Jesus is calling you to obey?*

Next Week:

Guest Speaker: Glen Brooks

The Parable of the Wedding Feast, Luke 14:15-23