

Matthew 7:24-28
Building Our Lives on the Words of the King

Matthew 7:24-28 – “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

Kingdom life is a daily choice to build our lives upon the words of the King.

Isaiah 28:16 – “Therefore thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: “Whoever believes will not be in haste.””

Your life is as stable as the foundation you are building it upon.

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I. Requires Intentionality (v. 24a)

Matthew 7:24a – “... everyone who hears these words of mine...”

1. A desire to hear what the Lord has to say.
2. A decision to go to the place where the Lord is going to speak.
3. A decision to listen to what the Lord is saying.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 – “For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.”

II. Requires Surrender and Sacrifice (v. 24b)

Matthew 7:24b – “... and does them...”

1. *Surrender* from my fleshly desires to the Spirit’s desire.
2. *Sacrifice* to obey no matter what the ask.

James 1:22-25 – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes

away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing."

Results:

1. Makes us strong in the midst of life's circumstances.

2 Corinthians 12:10 – *"For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."*

2. Provides a testimony to the strength of the Rock, Jesus.

Philippians 4:12-13 – *"I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me."*

Response:

Q1: Am I a wise or a foolish person?