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Wisdom: A Firm Foundation

## Scripture Monday

- Matthew 7:24-27 (NKJV)
  - Our foundation is built on obedience to God's word. Without that reliance on His
    instruction, our efforts towards building anything in our lives will not be sustainable.
- 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (NLT)
  - Jesus Christ is that foundation. Jesus is "the Truth" that we build on. We can be saved, but not experience the fullness of His presence if we don't walk in agreement with what He's teaching us.
- Again we see the call for sustainability, or "fruit that remains" as an indicator.

#### Tuesday

- Luke 14:28 (NLT)
  - Count the cost! What does that mean? Do you understand what you're embarking on before you make the commitment? Are you ENTERING a situation with the word already written on your heart? (Exodus 31:3-6 NLT)
- 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NKJV)
  - When you're building with Christ as your foundation, none of your efforts will be in vain. Look at how He describes your demeanor when your "foundation" is Christ. How would you know you're any of these things without a storm?
- Proverbs 9:10-12 (NLT)
  - Wisdom <u>begins</u> with a fear of The Lord. Without understanding that first, you will not have a solid foundation to build on.

#### Wednesday

- Isaiah 28:16-17 (NLV)
  - A key indicator that your foundation is solid is you will NOT be afraid of the coming storms. Deceiving yourself by being a hearer and not a doer, is what causes us to build on sand. God will not be mocked. (Galatians 6:7)

- Haggai 1:7-10 (NLT)
  - We are the temple of The Holy Spirit. If we are not prioritizing building that first, building our own character on the truth of God, we will not succeed in what we're doing. Even God will not bless our efforts.
- Proverbs 2:1-5 (NLT)
  - The fear of God that we need to begin building, as much as can be taught, <u>must be</u> <u>developed on our own</u>.

## **Thursday**

- Psalm 127:1-2 (NLT)
  - Relying on our own understanding is exhausting and futile. Let that be an indicator for yourself to reflect on your efforts and the "why" behind your decisions.
- James 1:22-25 (NLT)
  - Don't deceive yourself when God reveals the truth about you. There is no condemnation in Christ. He reveals these things in the "secret place", when you're spending time with Him. Let Him have His perfect work in you.
- John 15:1-4 (NKJV)
  - The pruning and removal of branches can appear similar. Knowing you're rooted in Christ from the way of relationship and love based obedience keeps you at peace. Fear has to do with punishment, but love casts out that fear.

### **Saturday**

- Humble Yourself And Seek God's Presence
  - Before making significant decisions, pause to pray for God's directions and write down how you sense Him leading.
- Be A Doer, Not Just A Hearer
  - Choose a command from Jesus and be intentional on walking it out.
- Stay Connected To The Vine
  - Set a 15 minute "abide block" where you practice being in His presence and seek what needs to be pruned in your life.
- Build On The Rock, Not The Sand
  - Run a "foundation audit" on one area in your life and seek wisdom on W=what your decisions are rooted in.

#### Sunday

- James 3:13-17 (ESV)
  - Wisdom has a character. When you're walking with the wisdom of God, The Spirit of Wisdom, The Holy Spirit, it carries a nature and demeanor. Not a profoundness of speech or vocabulary. Wisdom is an action.

# • James 1:5-6 (NIV)

 ASK FOR IT. Continuously, fervently, consistently. If there's any prayer that you can be sure will be answered, it is that God will give you the wisdom so you seek from a pure heart.

# Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NLT)

 Wisdom isn't something we can brag about because it does not come FROM us. If there's anything you should truly rejoice in, it is having a genuine relationship with God. That you share the heart and mind of Christ.