



How to Build a Life that Lasts

Luke 6:46-49

Finish this phrase, “**Out of the frying pan...**”
This phrase has “skyrocketed” in the past several decades!

It’s true: left alone, we can go from one bad decision to the next!

This phrase dates all the way back to 1532.

- A similar phrase was used around the time of Christ.
- Commander of the Roman Empire Germanicus Caesar used the phrase, “running from the smoke into the flame.”

- We all know people (including ourselves!) who have gone from the frying pan into the fire; from one bad situation to a worse one!

Examples of “out of the frying pan and into the fire:”

- 1) Relationships.
- 2) Finances.
- 3) Jobs.
- 4) Health.
- 5) “Do what makes you happy.”

The question Jesus asks in Luke 6:46 is a hard one, if we listen to what Jesus says here, it will save us from unwise decisions that lead us “out of the frying pan and into the fire.”

We need to pay attention here because,

Tomorrow’s life is shaped by today’s decisions!

What we’re looking at this morning is making **wise** decisions; decisions to build a life that

lasts. These decisions are God's best, and God's best is better than our best! Jesus' words here is the conclusion to what has been called the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew and Sermon on the Plain in Luke. The sermon is filled with wisdom on how to build our lives on Christ.

⁴⁶ “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”

Jesus knows not everyone will respond to His teaching the same way:

- 1) There are those who wouldn't claim Him as Lord at all.
- 2) There are those who claim Him as Lord but not obey.
- 3) There were those who claim Him as Lord and obey.

Verse 47:

“Everyone who comes to me **and** hears my words **and** does them...”

Verses 48-49:

Did you see the difference between the two men? The wise man dug deep! *How do we **dig deep?***

We dig deep with the tools Jesus has provided!
Here are three:

1) His Word:

If the Bible seems overwhelming, start with Jesus' words in Matthew 5-7, as so much of life is addressed there: right attitudes, relationships, our words, getting even, finances, praying, priorities, anxiety and worry, the future...

2) His Spirit:

This is prayer, coming to Jesus in surrender to His will.

This is asking, "Does this look like Jesus?"

3) His People:

It should be a red flag if we are not willing to get counsel!

In a multitude of counselors there is safety (Proverbs 11:14) and victory (Proverbs 24:6).

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Questions:

Does Jesus' question apply to me today?

Is there a life area where I'm not using the tools to "dig deep?" Have I made decisions that have put me in "the frying pan?"

It's not too late to get out of the frying pan and live wisely!

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