

“LIFE HACKS” Firm Foundation

Matthew 7:24-27 "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. 25The 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. 26But 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. 27The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

STORMS COME!

-Wise man builds his house on a rock!

BUILDING.....foundation takes forever.....walls go up in days!

WHY----To keep people safe!

SOLOMON WROTE A PSALM:

Psalm 127:1-5 Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

-CONTRACTS: Mortgage/Lease Car Credit Card Cell Phone!

-GET THINGS IN WRITING!!

-GOD'S WORDS ARE IN WRITING!!!!

THE WORD OF GOD IS OUR GREATEST WEAPON!

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

-JESUS gives LIFE.....The DEVIL leads to DEATH

1 Peter 5:8-9 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

-Battle is all around the world!

-Verse 9: **Resist him, standing firm in the faith**,

UNDERSTAND THIS: THE DEVIL ATTACKS WHAT HE IS MOST SCARED OF!

-The BIBLE is under attack!

-Today's cultural battles.....just smoke and mirrors!

-TRUE BATTLE? -Mark my words.....BIBLE WILL BE CALLED
A HATE BOOK!

2 Corinthians 11:3-4 But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. 4 For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.

-Goes on to talk about false teachers leading people astray.....

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. 15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

MANY ARE WALKING THEIR PATH WITHOUT A FLASHLIGHT!

-Adds confusion and insecurity!

MANY ARE INTIMIDATED BY THE BIBLE!!

BUT.....SO MANY ARE MISSING THE BIG PICTURE!!!! RELATIONSHIP!

Pastor Rick Warren (40 Days of Purpose)

'Reading the Bible generates life. It produces change. It heals hurts. It builds character. It transforms circumstances. It imparts joy. It overcomes adversity. It defeats temptation. It infuses hope. It releases power. It cleanses the mind.'

THE BIBLE:

- SHOWS US THE HEART OF GOD THROUGH HISTORY**
- IS GOD'S LOVE LETTER TO US**
- IS OUR MANUAL ON HOW TO LIVE & TREAT PEOPLE**
- IS OUR HOPE OF A FUTURE**

WE LEARN WHO GOD IS THROUGH READING THE BIBLE!!

***MOST POWERFUL INTRODUCTIONS I CAN MAKE TO YOU:**

- GET TO KNOW JESUS**
- GET TO KNOW HIS BIBLE**
- GET TO KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT**

In reading the Bible, we learn about

- God's interactions with humanity throughout history,
- His plan of redemption, His promises, and His character.
- We see what the Christian life looks like.

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The psalmist describes the words of God as being "more precious than gold"

Psalm 19:10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

It’s the most *powerful* book in the world.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

-When you read the Bible.....The Bible reads you!

HEAR MY HEART! IT NEEDS TO BE OUR MORAL COMPASS!!

Matthew 24:10-13 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other,¹¹ and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³ but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

-A lot of messages with motives out there!!!!

-MY HEART.....TO STAND FIRM TO THE END!

2 Timothy 3:13-17 While evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

-Be careful who you listen to!

“EAT THE MEAT AND SPIT OUT THE BONES”

-LifeGroups, TV preachers, ANYONE.....EVEN ME!

PRACTICAL: COME TO CHURCH!!!

- Praise and worship is singing scripture
- Sermon is based on scripture
- kids learn to apply scripture at ALL ages!
- BIBLE BASICS!!

RESOURCES I USE AND TRUST:

- Gotquestions.org
- You Version
- Right Now media
- Google.....ANY SCRIPTURE

BUT BE CAREFUL!!!

- I CAN HEAR WHAT I WANT TO HEAR!
- My selfish nature can get in the way!

THE PERFECT FILTER.....

2 of last 3 weeks have been about the Holy Spirit:

John 14:15-17 “If you love me, keep my commands.¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 14:25-27 “All this I have spoken while still with you.²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

3 Most valuable introductions I can make!

- Meet Jesus
- Hunger for His Word
- Listen to the Holy Spirit

