

PROSPERING IN A PANDEMIC!

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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. 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.

*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. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash. **Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)***

COMPARISONS OF THE TWO BUILDERS

1. Both men heard the same **WORD**.

*"Therefore everyone who **hears these words of Mine...**"*
Matthew 7:24a & 26a (NIV)

2. Both men had the same **VISION**.

*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. **Matthew 7:24 (NIV)***

*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. **Matthew 7:26 (NIV)***

3. Both men were affected by the same **STORM**.

*The **rain came down**, the **streams rose**, and the **winds blew and beat** against that house, **Matthew 7:25a & 27a (NIV)***

CONTRAST OF THE TWO BUILDERS

1. They didn't have the same **BEHAVIOR**.

*"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and **puts them into practice...**" **Matthew 7:24a (NIV)***

"But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice..." **Matthew 7:26a (NIV)**

2. They didn't have the same **CHARACTER**.

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man..." **Matthew 7:24 (NIV)**

"But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man..." **Matthew 7:26 (NIV)**

3. They didn't have the same **FOUNDATION**.

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. **Matthew 7:24 (NIV)**

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. **Matthew 7:26 (NIV)**

4. They didn't have the same **RESULTS**.

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.
Matthew 7:25 (NIV)

The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash. **Matthew 7:25 (NIV)**

THREE WAYS TO PROSPER DURING A PANDEMIC

▪ **Spend Less Than You Earn!**

Wise people live in wealth and luxury, but stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it. **Proverbs 21:20 (GNT)**

Is there anyone here who, planning to build a new house, doesn't first sit down and figure the cost so you'll know if you can complete it."
Luke 14:28 (Message)

- **Develop Multiple Streams of Income!**

*Invest in **seven ventures**, yes, **in eight**; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land. **Ecclesiastes 11:2 (NIV)***

- **Generously Give Back To God!**

*Honor the Lord by giving him the **first part of all your income**, and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines. **Proverbs 3:9-10 (TLB)***

*A **severe famine** now struck the land, as had happened before in Abraham's time... The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, "Do not go down to Egypt, but do as I tell you. Live here as a foreigner in this land, and **I will be with you and bless you**..."*

*When Isaac **planted his crops that year**, he harvested a hundred times more grain than he planted, for the LORD blessed him. He became a very rich man, and his wealth continued to grow. **Genesis 26: 1-3a, 12-13 (NLT)***