
Session 5 | Parable of the Wise Builder | Matthew 7:24-29

Memory Verse:

**"Be doers of the word, and not
hearers only, deceiving
yourselves.."**

James 1:22 / ESV

Session 5 | Opening Discussion:



1. Read and discuss James 1:22:
2. How do you respond when your faith is tested by life's storms?

Matthew 7:24-29, *"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. 25 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. 26 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. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." 28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law."*

Special Note: The *context* of the Sermon on the Mount must be considered when interpreting the Parable of the Wise Builder, as it serves as the conclusion to that major Sermon.

Context:

Jesus Sees A Need 5:1-2

The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12

Fulfilling the Law Matthew 5:17-48

Giving Matthew 6:1-4

Prayer & Fasting Matthew 6:5-18

Handling Money 19-24

Worry Matthew 6:25-34

Judging Matthew 7: 7:1-6

Prayer Matthew 7: 7-12

Solid Beliefs Matthew 7: 13-22

True Followers Matthew 7: 21-23

Wise and Foolish Builders Matthew 7:24-27

Main Point: This parable emphasizes the necessary actions of applying what the Scriptures say, primarily the teachings of Jesus.

Characters:

Wise Builder: Represents the person who chooses to build their life on Christ and His Word.

Foolish Builder: Represents the person who willfully chooses to build their life on the world.

Principles:

1. We must actively apply God's Word in our lives. 24

2. God blesses the application of His Word 25

3. Neglecting to apply God's Word is foolish & potentially dangerous. 26-27

4. Discover the power of God's Word 28-29



Discussion Questions:

1. What steps can you take to ensure you are not only hearing but also applying Jesus' teachings?
2. How does this parable relate to other teachings of Jesus about obedience, such as John 14:15 (*"If you love me, keep my commands"*)?

Praise and Prayer Requests: