

THE DELUDED, THE DILIGENT, & THE DERELICT

Sermon on the Mount — Part 13

Matthew 7:21–29 | Pastor Larry Hof

KEY TRUTH: Hearing the Word is the foundation. **Doing the Word is building on it.**

I. THE DELUDED

Matthew 7:21–23

Misplaced Faith — v. 21

Saying “**Lord, Lord**” is not the same as knowing and following Christ.

- A profession of faith must be more than words.
- His name cannot be something we take in vain.
- Genuine faith produces a changed life.
- God's will is that we come to repentance.

Scripture: Titus 1:15–16 • James 2:20–26 • Exodus 20:7 • 2 Peter 3:9

Self-Promoting Works — vv. 22–23

Their confidence was in what **they had done**—prophecy, miracles, and mighty works.

Religious works without a genuine relationship with Christ are empty. **Love is the evidence of knowing God.**

Scripture: 1 John 4:7–8 • 1 Corinthians 13:1–2

Don't put your faith in what you've done for Jesus. Put your faith in what Jesus has done for you.

II. THE DILIGENT

Matthew 7:24–25

The wise man **hears Christ's words and does them.**

He doesn't simply know the truth—**he builds his life on it.**

- Hear the Word.
- Believe the Word.
- **Do the Word.**

- Build on the foundation Christ has given.

The storm comes, but the house stands because it was founded upon the Rock.

Scripture: James 1:22 • 1 Corinthians 3:9–17 • Hebrews 11:6

Only a DOER builds.

III. THE DERELICT

Matthew 7:26–27

The foolish man also **heard** Jesus.

His problem wasn't that he didn't hear the Word.

He heard it—but didn't do it.

Rejecting God's Word leaves us building without the right foundation. When the storm came, **“great was the fall of it.”**

Scripture: Jeremiah 8:9 • James 2:20

Hearing truth without acting on truth leaves us building on sand.

IV. THE DEITY!

Matthew 7:28–29

Astonishing Doctrine — v. 28

The people were astonished at Christ's teaching.

When He speaks, you know!

Scripture: John 10:25–30

Delivered With Authority — v. 29

Jesus didn't teach with borrowed authority.

HE IS THE AUTHORITY.

Jesus is **the Word made flesh**, giving us His Word.

Scripture: John 1:1 • John 1:14

HEAR IT. BELIEVE IT. DO IT.

THE DELUDED	THE DILIGENT	THE DERELICT
Professes	Hears & Does	Hears & Rejects
Trusts in profession & works	Builds on Christ's Word	Builds without the foundation

The Word is the foundation.

The building part is up to us.

Only a DOER builds.