

BUILDING A STABLE LIFE

Matthew 7:24-29

Introduction:

- Do you know the moral of the story of:
 1. The Three Little Pigs? -
 2. The wise man who built his house on a rock and the foolish man who built his house on the sand?
- There is only one right foundation on which to build your life.

The f_____ of stability (24,26)

- Who was listening to Jesus speak?
 1. The d_____ (Matt 5:1,2)
 2. Large c_____ (Matt 7:28,29)
- Jesus states that everyone who hears “these words of Mine” – what are the words to which He is referring?
 1. All the words of His s_____, which began back in chapter 5.
 2. However, He is not limiting it to this but wants them to treat all His words this way – past, present, and future.
 3. The B_____ is the words of Jesus recorded for us
 - a. Objection – the a_____ and prophets were imperfect and so had a faulty memory and may have embellished or added their thoughts (Eph 2:20)
 - b. Answer – Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would override this and bring to their memory what is needed (Jn 14:25,26).
 - c. Therefore all scripture is Jesus’s words because it is i_____ by God (2 Tim 3:16)
- Hearing Jesus’s words is not e_____, we must l_____ them in order for it to be our stable foundation (e.g. the g_____ rule of verse 12)
 1. How have you lived verse 12 in your marriage?
 2. How have you lived verse 12 in relationship to someone who has wronged you?
- However, living God’s word will not stop the s_____ of life.

The t_____ of stability (25,27)

● Testing is necessary

1. Would you drive a model of car that has not been tested?
2. Would you allow a doctor to operate on you that had never been tested?
3. Would you allow an untested pilot fly you to Texas?

● You cannot go through life without t_____

1. The storm Jesus was referring to was a s_____ storm and so was expected.
 - a. The house built on sand was d_____ by the storm
 - b. The house built on rock with_____ the storm.
2. What might people stand on to weather the storms of life?
 - a. O_____
 - b. Philosophy
 - c. Im_____
 - d. God's w_____

● Two ways to react to the troubles in life

1. F_____
 - a. You might d_____ that it is really happening
 - b. You might become a_____ - lash out at others, destroy property, lash out at God.
2. A_____ it.

● Two ways of accepting the storms (troubles) of life

1. As a v_____
2. As a w_____ (James 1:2-5) – God wants us to pass the test and He is ready to give the answer to those who persistently ask for wisdom.

Conclusion:

1. Have a plan of getting to know God's word
 - a. Reading plan (individual)
 - b. Learning plan (small groups, discussion, sermons)
2. Ask yourself, "What wisdom does God's word have for my situation?" – if you don't know ask someone who does.
3. Joyously live out that word!