

Built to Last!
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Matthew 7:24-29
Luke 6:46-49

Jesus presents a distinction between Wise and Foolish people.

Distinguishing differences between wise and foolish people:

- ❖ Wise have foresight, Fools do not
“For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?” Luke 14:28
- ❖ Wise prepare for unexpected trouble, Fools do not
“he is like a man building a house, who dug deep ...” Luke 6:48a
- ❖ Wise understand the necessity of extra time, expense, and commitment to build something that will last, Fools do not
“he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.” Luke 6:48

Jesus teaches on many topics that would ensure a firm foundation on which His disciples could build their lives.

- ↪ God’s design and calling ⇒ Matthew 5:1-16
- ↪ The Unchangeableness of God’s Word ⇒ Matthew 5:17-20
- ↪ Dealing with Anger and Lust ⇒ Matthew 5:21-30
- ↪ God’s design for the permanence of marriage ⇒ Matthew 5:31-32; Luke 16:18
- ↪ Keeping your word ⇒ Matthew 5:33-37
- ↪ Responding to your enemies ⇒ Matthew 5:38-48; Luke 6:27-36
- ↪ Giving and Rewards ⇒ Matthew 6:1-4
- ↪ Prayer and Fasting ⇒ Matthew 6:5-18; Luke 11:1-13
- ↪ Money and Possessions ⇒ Matthew 6:19-34; Luke 12:13-34
- ↪ Judging and criticizing others ⇒ Matthew 7:1-5; Luke 6:37-42
- ↪ Obedience to God’s Word ⇒ Matthew 7:21-29; Luke 6:46-49

Jesus concludes His teaching to His disciples (the Sermon on the Mount) with serious emphasis on obedience to God's Word!

- ❖ Both the wise and the foolish person ...
 - ... hear the Word of God.
 - ... have the opportunity to experience a secure and lasting future.
 - ... seem to be starting off fine.
- ❖ Only one will survive due to the unexpected storms of life!
 - ♦ Relationship conflict: young men and women move from one disappointing and hurtful dating relationship to another
 - ♦ Marital conflict caused by: a misguided view of love; a lack of an understanding of covenant; personal pride; In-law trouble
 - ♦ Job and career changes
 - ♦ Financial stress: unexpected bills; medical costs; debt!
 - ♦ Unseen and unanticipated results of destructive behavioral habits: drug abuse; alcohol abuse; pornography; gambling
 - ♦ Unexpected death of a loved one
 - ♦ Unexpected pregnancy
 - ♦ Hurtful church experience

 **2 Peter 1:3-11**