

BUILDING A LIFE THAT WILL LAST

How we build anything is important, because it will determine how it will work and function.

Have you ever put together a toy at Christmas time? And had parts left over?

Have you ever had a manual explain how to put something together that was just hard to understand?

We are speaking about building our lives and do you agree that this is important

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Matthew 7:24-27 (NKJV)

²⁴ "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

²⁶ But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

Matthew 7:24-27 (GW)

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"Therefore, everyone who hears what I say and obeys it will be like a wise person who built a house on rock.

²⁵ Rain poured, and floods came. Winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not collapse, because its foundation was on rock.

²⁶ "Everyone who hears what I say but doesn't obey it will be like a foolish person who built a house on sand.

²⁷ Rain poured, and floods came. Winds blew and struck that house. It collapsed, and the result was a total disaster."

In our first scripture Jesus provides an example that the person who hears and obeys is wise

So what are the TWO key words here?

HEAR & OBEY

Listen & Do

Jesus said **Mark 4:24 (NKJV)** Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given.

PAY ATTENTION

James 1:22-24 (NKJV) But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

Now in the second verse Jesus speaks about conditions of nature

Rain poured

floods came.

Winds blew

What is this like in our lives?

Broken Relationships

Job Lost

Sickness

Lack of Money

Can you name some more things that come against us?