

THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM

A Study of the Parables of Jesus

HOW TO BUILD A LIFE THAT LASTS

Matthew 7:24-29

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Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. Matthew 7:24

Are you wise or foolish in the building of your life?

1. The wise person is the one who builds on the rock.

A. Building on the rock is hard.

... he is like a man who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock.

Luke 6:48

B. Building on the rock is obedience to the Lord's Word.

They said therefore to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

John 6:28-29

1. When you truly believe in Jesus, you are changed.

2. When you truly believe in Jesus, there is fruit.

C. Building on the rock is solid footing.

1. You are not exempt from the storms.

2. You stand strong through the storms.

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glory without fault and with

unspeakable joy ... Jude 1:24 J. B. Phillips

2. The foolish person is the one who builds on the sand.

A. Building on the sand is easy.

... unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Luke 13:3

B. Building on the sand is lip service obedience.

*"Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?
Luke 6:46*

C. Building on the sand is tragically shortsighted.

*And the rains descended, and the floods came, and the winds
blew, and burst against that house; and it fell, and great
was its fall. Matthew 7:27*

*"Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy
in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your
name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them,
'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE
LAWLESSNESS.'" Matthew 7:22-23*

Search your heart: Are you truly building a life that lasts?