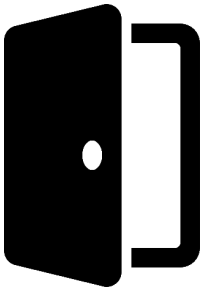
Building on a Solid Foundation
Matthew 7:24-29



What is the secret to building great sand castles?

What is it like to ride out a violent thunderstorm, hurricane, or tornado?

How do you feel when you offer sound advice and it is rejected?

[24] "Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on the rock. [25] The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn't collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. [26] But everyone who hears these words of Mine and doesn't act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. [27] The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. And its collapse was great!"

[28] When Jesus had finished this sermon, the crowds were astonished at His teaching, [29] because He was teaching them like one who had authority, and not like their scribes.

Who did Jesus say is wise? (7:24)

Besides hearing the words of Christ, what else must a person do in order to be considered wise? (7:24)

How does obedience to God bring security to our lives?

Jesus compared wise living to building a house on what kind of foundation? (7:24)

What sets fools apart from wise people? (7:24, 26)

Why is it difficult to apply God's truth to our lives?

In the analogy used by Jesus, what strong forces of nature pounded on the wise person's house? (7:25)

What was the effect of the wind and rain on the house? (7:25)

Why wasn't the house part of a "disaster area"? (7:25)

How can you build your life on Christ?

What kind of people did Jesus talk about in contrast to the wise person? (7:26)

What individuals are like a man who builds a house on sand? (7:26)

How do you feel when you see people (friends or family members) ignoring God and making bad decisions?

According to Jesus, foolish living is like building a house on what kind of foundation? (7:26)

What foundation are you building your life on?

In the analogy used by Jesus, what happened when the wind and water crashed against the fool's house? (7:27)

What are some sandy foundations you have seen people base their lives on?

How did the crowd respond to the teaching of Jesus? (7:28)

Why did the crowd react with amazement to the teaching of Jesus? (7:29)

What is the most amazing thing to you about all that Jesus ever said?

What can you do today to encourage someone to listen to the voice of Jesus and obey what he or she hears?

What neglected command of Christ will you begin obeying this week?

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