

Under Construction: Building for the future

Matthew 7:24-27

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

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How to Build a foundation

a. The Word- God’s word is sufficient instruction for building a future. 1 Peter 2:2-3 “Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.”

b. The Cornerstone- The life must be held together with Christ as the cornerstone.

1 Peter 2:5-6 “you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

c. The Gospel- The gospel is the light that illuminates our lives, because the gospel is the source of salvation and transformation. 1 Peter 2:9 “But you are a chosen people. A royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

Make Christ Your fortress v.25

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1 Thessalonians 1:10 “and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead- Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.”

1 Timothy 2:5, “For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

Make Christ The Joy of Your faithfulness v.26

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Romans 2:13 “For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.”

Titus 1:16, “They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.”

Practical Ways to Enjoy Faithfulness to Christ

A. Fall in love with Christ daily.

B. Fellowship with Believers.

Hebrews 10:24-25, “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

1 Corinthians 15:33-34, “Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God- I say this to your shame.”

C. Focus on the Cross.

D. Fight Sin.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 “For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

Make Christ The Source of Forgiveness v.27

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Acts 3:19 “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”

2 Corinthians 5:15 “And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”