

RCMI L-Path Teaching

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Title: The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders

Text: Matthew 7:24-27

The Wise and Foolish Builders

²⁴ "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. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF THE TEXT

1. The Foolish Man.

- **One man built his house the easy way, and the other one built the hard way.**
- **It's easy to build on sand because you don't have to dig.**

a. He Is in a Hurry.

- o Fools are always in a hurry.
- o The book of Proverbs says that a fool "maketh haste" (28:20).
- o A fool always looks for shortcuts and quick results.
- o The fool disobeys God without regard for punishment.

b. He Is Superficial.

- o There are many people who say they believe in Christ and accept the gospel; yet there is no evidence in their lives to confirm it.
- o Arthur Pink said, "If I have never mourned over my waywardness, I have no solid ground for rejoicing"

2. The Wise Man.

a. He is Not in a Hurry.

- o In Luke 6:46-49, which is a parallel passage, we read that the wise man "dug deep" (v. 48).
- o He dug for the rock - God's Word - and blew away the sand of human opinion and self-will.
- o Those who claim Christ as their own are willing to dig deep. They have thought out the responsibility involved. They don't rush into confessing Christ as Lord, only to depart later on.

b. He Gives Maximum Effort.

- o Those who dig deep show a desire to give maximum effort.
- o **The problem is not the difficulty of follow up; it's the difficulty of true conversion.**
- o **We can't follow up people who were never redeemed.**

c. He Is Teachable.

- o The man who digs deep wants to do things right. He is teachable.

Wise builders build their life in 2 Truths:

I. THE FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIAN LIFE (WORD) v. 24

²⁴ "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.

Psalm 18:2 - "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge."

- It is the people who hear and do what Christ commanded that build their house on the rock.
- Acts 20:32 Paul said, "*Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up*"
- The Word of God is our foundation, and it provides us with the materials we need for building.

II. THE FORMATION OF CHRISTIAN LIFE (OBEDIENCE)

James 1:22-24

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

- In other words, if you are not a doer of the Word, then it is not having any effect on your life or destiny.
- Building your life on the rock means being obedient.
- Examine your life. Do you desire to obey God's Word more than anything else?
- The only validation you will ever have of your salvation is a life of obedience.

For Discussion:

1. How would you describe your relationship with God? Is it deep and intimate, or is it superficial?
2. Do you involve yourself in church activities without cultivating a personal relationship with God at the same time?
3. Are you a Wise or a Foolish builder? Please explain your answer.