



On the Rock

Description

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. (Matthew 7:24)

I grew up in Sunday School class and we would sing the song that went along with this passage of Scripture. We sang, "You gotta build your house upon the rock... You have a firm foundation on a solid rock... The storms may come and go, but the peace of God you will know..." The song lyrics have changed a little bit, but the meaning is still the same. Yes, children continue to sing this song and learn that a life built on the Rock is a life that stands firm forever. So what kind of foundation is your home built on? Do you have a life built on sand, eroding daily as the tide comes in? Or is your life built on the Rock; standing firm for eternity?

A life built on the Rock is a life that puts the words of Christ into action. Let's see how solid our foundation is...

1. Light of the World ~ Matthew 5:13-16

Are you shining your light for the world to see?

2. Love your Enemies ~ Matthew 5:38-48

Are you loving your enemies? Are you walking that extra mile for someone? Are you turning the other cheek?

3. Your Treasure ~ Matthew 6:19-24

Are you storing up treasures in Heaven?

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." ~Mt. 6:21

4. No Worrying ~ Matthew 6:25-34

How is your worry meter checking out these days? Have you been able to hand tomorrow over to God?

5. Judging Others ~ Matthew 7:1-6

How are you doing at taking that plank out of your eye? I'm still working on a few planks of my own. We will be able to see more clearly, as we continue to take these planks out. We can't truly help anyone else, until we discover all that God wants to do inside of us.

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit in me.” (Psalm 51:10)

Everything in the Sermon on the Mount begins with me. What will I do with God's Word? How will I apply it? I'm the one who needs to have a pure heart! It would be great to shake others and let them know what they need. But that's not what the Word tells us to do. The Word of God is all about me, how can I build my house on the Rock. It starts with me applying His Word. How will you apply God's Word in your life? Stop looking at your neighbor and finding their faults. God will work on them in His time. This is about you and your relationship with God. We can't see clearly with the plank in our eye. We need a plank removal surgery. This is very important when it comes to building a firm foundation for a life in Christ! What kind of plank is in your eye? Take time before God to have it removed, so you can see more clearly.

6. Bearing Fruit ~ Luke 6:43-45

What kind of fruit is your life producing? Be careful who you attach your life to and what you put into your heart. Eventually it will come out!

“...For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.” (Luke 6:45)

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

How's your foundation look? These were just a few of the things found in the Sermon on the Mount. Please continue to take your time reading through it both in Matthew 5-7 and Luke 6. God will show you how to build your house on a Solid Rock. I challenge you to find the weak areas in your foundation and start by strengthening these areas. God will help you examine your life and see what areas need His strength. He will help you build a life that is solid and unshakable!

Challenge: Read Luke 6:46-49 and Matthew 7:24-29

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Dear Father God, I pray that You will help me find the weak areas in my foundation. May I continue to grow in You and seek Your guidance! May I put Your Son's words into action. I pray that my life will be built upon the Rock. Thank You God for continuing to teach me how to live the complete life in You!

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