



“These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house.

It was fixed to the rock.

“But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don’t work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards.”

Matthew 7:24-27

## “Building on a Firm Foundation”

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 Eternity is happening now whether we like it or not. @MarkFosterA2

**Context:** The eternal life Jesus brings is present \_\_\_\_\_ on earth and available to all. This message is not just for dying, but for your life \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus is finishing his teaching to the \_\_\_\_\_ crowds. In 1<sup>st</sup> century Palestine, it was tempting to build during the summer in a dry, flat, sandy, \_\_\_\_\_ bed.

 What is easy is rarely safe or lasting. @MarkFosterA2

**Last Week:** When we follow God’s instructions, life is \_\_\_\_\_.

**This Week:** Jesus places his own \_\_\_\_\_ and teaching as the revelation of God’s will in place of the Torah. – M. Eugene Boring

### Jesus Teaching:

1. Unless you do far better than keeping the \_\_\_\_\_, you won’t know anything about the love of God active in the world. Matthew 5:20
2. Don’t \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 7:1  
Why? A \_\_\_\_\_ spirit has a way of boomeranging on you.
3. Don’t give people things they are not \_\_\_\_\_ to receive or are not good for them. Matthew 7:6
4. Do \_\_\_\_\_ and search for what you need and desire. Mt 7:7-11  
God is \_\_\_\_\_ all the time and willing to help.
5. *In everything do to others as you would have them do to you.* 7:12
6. Don’t take the \_\_\_\_\_ way out. You can do hard things. 13-14
7. Look at people’s \_\_\_\_\_ over time – not their words. 15-20  
Why? God looks at our \_\_\_\_\_, not our words. 21-23
8. Jesus’ promises, if we hear and \_\_\_\_\_, we are wise. 24-25  
The difference between wise and foolish is not intellect but insight that leads to action in following Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_ way, truth, and life.
9. Jesus’ warning, if we hear and don’t act, \_\_\_\_\_ is coming. 26-29

 We are becoming who we will be – forever. @DallasAWillard

- Action Steps:**
1. Read \_\_\_\_\_ before your phone each morning.
  2. Sign up to attend or volunteer at Bible School July 23-26.
  3. Don’t do what Jesus did (water to wine), be as he was, filled with **love**.