The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders

Matthew 7:24-27

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."

What do we learn from this Parable?

1. It starts with a _____.

Each day we have a _____ if we are going to hear and act on the Word of God or if we are going to allow the Word to fall on deaf ears and take no action.

Bible Story:

JOSIAH'S REIGN 2 Kings 22-23

From this story we learn the importance of hearing & actively putting into practice God's Word!

2. It takes _____and hard work to build on rock!

CORE POINT: The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders shows us the vital importance of building our lives on the Word of God by both hearing the Word of God and putting the Word into practice.

3. We have got to have a plan for _____building.

A formula for wise builders:

Hear God's Word + Put them into practice= Wise Builder

4. What to do during the storm:

Things may feel like they get "bumpy" but for us believers who are basing our lives on the Word of God in a solid and firm way, we are safe. Our job is to:

- Remain in faith
- Remain in love
- Remain in fellowship
- Keep sowing seeds into hungry hearts for the kingdom

When we are believers who build on the foundation of God's Word, we still feel the turbulence or bumps of life, but they will not destroy or touch us. One of the main things the wise builder was enjoying in his home as the storm raged was _____. John 16:33

5. The House on the Rock stands strong and makes it through.

This parable tells us if we SOLIDLY and _____ build our lives on God's Word we can withstand the storms of life.

Today we make the choice! We can't afford not to!

CORE STATEMENT: I make the decision to do whatever is necessary to establish my life on the foundation of God's Word. I put my highest priority on hearing the Word and putting it into practice in my life. Then I will experience the supernatural peace of God, even in turbulent times, because my life is built on the ROCK.