

BE A BRINGER

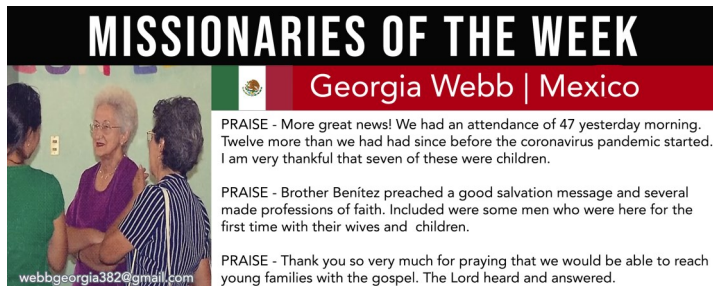
“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK
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PRAISE - More great news! We had an attendance of 47 yesterday morning. Twelve more than we had had since before the coronavirus pandemic started. I am very thankful that seven of these were children.

PRAISE - Brother Benítez preached a good salvation message and several made professions of faith. Included were some men who were here for the first time with their wives and children.

PRAISE - Thank you so very much for praying that we would be able to reach young families with the gospel. The Lord heard and answered.

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The Story Of The Wise And Foolish Builders

Many who grew up going to church will remember the children’s song about the foolish and the wise men: The foolish man built his house on sand, and when the rains came down, the house washed away; the wise man built his on rock, and it stood firm against the torrential rains.

In the story of the two builders, one is depicted as wise and the other as foolish. The wise builder prepared for the possibility of natural disaster by building his house on a foundation of rock. The other built on sand. He was foolish because he didn’t anticipate what would happen if there was a catastrophic storm. When the river flooded, the house of the wise man withstood the storm; the house of the foolish man was swept away. By using the imagery of a powerful storm, Jesus gave a sense of urgency to his warning.

Though trained as a carpenter, Jesus wasn’t giving a lecture on where and how to build a house. He was challenging his disciples to a radical kingdom lifestyle. The person who hears and obeys Jesus’ words will survive in the day of judgment; the person who doesn’t will not.

The application of this parable is threefold. First, Jesus doesn’t tell a story about a man who built a house and one who didn’t. Why? Because everyone is building a house. The house is your life. The question is not whether to build or not, but on what foundation are you building? To build your life on any other foundation than Jesus is foolish. Your house will not stand in the day of judgment. Who is wise? The person who hears the words of Jesus and obeys. That person’s house will survive the day of judgment. Paul warned the Corinthians of the foolishness and futility of building on any foundation other than Jesus Christ:

According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:10-11)

Second, though Jesus’ primary purpose was to warn about climatic judgment, the parable has implications for sustaining us through unexpected crises in life. The two men built the same house and experienced the same storm. The house of the wise man was not protected from the storm, but it stood because it was built on a solid foundation. The Lord has not promised that believers will be protected from adversities in life, but he has promised that we can survive the storms of life knowing that God’s grace is more than adequate to sustain us in all circumstances.

Third, to live as if this life was all that mattered is foolish. God is a loving Father, but he is also a just Judge. We will all stand before his divine court.

Source: *Fascinating Bible Studies On Every Parable* by Dr. William H. Marty

KEY VERSE

Matthew 7:24 (NKJV)

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Matthew 7:24-27; Proverbs 4:6-7, 1 Corinthians 3:10-11

Introduction

1. According to the cover, what are some applications that this parable has to our lives? Which one is most impactful to you?
2. What would you say is the foundation of your life? How does your life reflect this?

Tuesday: Matthew 7:24a; I Timothy 1:17; Proverbs 9:10

Recognize God As The Architect Of Wisdom

3. List reasons why we can trust that God’s wisdom provides a solid foundation.
4. How does recognizing God as the source of wisdom impact the way you read the Bible?

Wednesday: Matthew 7:24a; Proverbs 2:6; Job 23:11-12

Read God’s Word For Wisdom

5. List examples of how God’s Word has given you wisdom in your life.
6. How often do you read the Bible? What is your plan for reading God’s Word?

Thursday: Matthew 7:24b; John 3:16, 5:24; James 1:22-25

Respond to God’s Word Obediently

7. According to this parable, what is the difference between a wise and foolish man?
8. How do you define obedience? List examples of how you have been obedient to God’s word.
9. What are some reasons why we choose to not be obedient to God’s word?

Friday: Matthew 7:25-27; Philippians 4:13; Proverbs 13:15

Realize God’s Wisdom Provides A Solid Foundation

10. This parable mentions rain, floods, and wind. What do they symbolize? How does God’s Word give us a firm foundation against these?
11. Why does disobedience result in a foundation of sand? How does disobedience lead to destruction?
12. Are there any changes you need to make in your life that you need as a result of studying this parable? Pray and give these areas of your life to Jesus and ask Him to help you.