

#### IV. REALIZE GOD'S WISDOM PROVIDES A SOLID FOUNDATION AGAINST STORMS

A. All of us will experience storms in life.

*"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

John 16:33

B. Wisdom provides a foundation of rock against storms.

- It allows you to stand strong when things go wrong.

*"and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock."* Matthew 7:25

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* Philippians 4:13

C. Disobedience provides a foundation of sand against storms.

- It causes you to fall when things go wrong.

26 *"But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:*

*27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."* Matthew 7:26-27

*"Good understanding gains favor, But the way of the unfaithful is hard."* Proverbs 13:15

**Build Your Life On God's Wisdom**

#### JESUS' STORIES

The Story Of The Wise & The Foolish Builders

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#### INTRODUCTION

A. Jesus was a master story teller. The stories He told were called "Parables." A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Jesus explained why he told these stories,

*"And the disciples came and said to Him, 'Why do You speak to them in parables? He answered and said to them, Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given'".*

Matthew 13:10-11

He used common subjects and every day experiences to reveal deep truths about God, His kingdom and ourselves.

B. There are approximately forty parables in Matthew, Mark and Luke that Jesus taught. This teaching series will focus on eight of these parables that reveal valuable lessons for building your story today. The messages include:

TODAY	The Story Of The Wise & Foolish Builders
Feb 27	The Story Of The Sower, Seed & Soils
Mar 6	The Story Of The Good Samaritan
Mar 13	The Stories Of The Hidden Treasure & The Pearl Of Great Price
Mar 20	The Story Of The Talents
Mar 27	The Story Of The Prodigal Son
Apr 3	The Story Of The Rich Man & Lazarus
Apr 10	The Story Of The Great Feast

Come and hear these messages learn valuable lessons for building your story today.

C. **TEXT:** Matthew 7:24-27

The Actors:

- Wise builder.
- Foolish builder.
- The house is the life we are building.
- The storm is our problems.

The Lesson: Build your life on God's wisdom.

## HOW TO BUILD YOUR LIFE ON GOD'S WISDOM

Wisdom is living with God's eternal perspective in mind.

### I. RECOGNIZE GOD AS THE ARCHITECT OF WISDOM

*"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of mine,..."*

(Matthew 7:24a).

#### A. God alone is wise.

*"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible,  
to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever  
and ever. Amen."*

I Timothy 1:17

#### B. The beginning point of wisdom is to fear God.

*"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."*

Proverbs 9:10

### II. READ GOD'S WORD FOR WISDOM

*"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of mine,..."*

(Matthew 7:24a).

#### A. God gives wisdom through the Bible.

*"For the LORD gives wisdom; From His  
mouth come knowledge and understanding;"*

Proverbs 2:6

#### B. Read the Bible everyday!

*"11 My foot has held fast to His steps; I have kept His  
way and not turned aside.*

*12 I have not departed from the commandment of His  
lips;*

*I have treasured the words of His mouth More than  
my necessary food."*

Job 23:11-12

Three things to effectively read God's Word:

- You need a time.
- You need a place.
- You need a plan.

### III. RESPOND TO GOD'S WISDOM OBEDIENTLY

*"And does them,..."*

(Matthew 7:24b)

#### A. The first wise step of obedience is to believe in Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

*"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that  
which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 3:11*

*"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word  
and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life,  
and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from  
death into life."*

John 5:24

#### B. Build a lifestyle of Biblical obedience. Obedience is...

- Doing what you're told to do.
- When you're told to do it.
- With the right heart attitude.

*"22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only,  
deceiving yourselves.*

*23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer,  
he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;*

*24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately  
forgets what kind of man he was.*

*25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and  
continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer  
of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."*

James 1:22-25