

Building your House on the Rock

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Foundation scripture

Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV) 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.”

- Building your house on the rock, is building your life on the word of God
 - You can be a Christian – but not doing this.
 - You can be at Church every Sunday – and still missing it.
 - The key, I believe, is being a doer and not just a hearer only. So doing what the word says.

1. Be a doer of the Word and not hearers only

Marriage

- Strong Marriages
- Strong Families
- Strong Communities
- Strong Nations

Ephesians 5:21,33 (NIV) Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.....³³ **However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”**

Jesus commands us to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with your mind and with all your strength” (Mark 12:30 ESV). He also said, “a commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another” (John 13:34 ESV).

- Since God commands us to love, that means it is within our power to do so; therefore, love is a decision we make.
- Although feelings will accompany love, it's not an emotion; it's the decision to love regardless of how we feel.

Proverb 4:23 (NIV) Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”

2. Confession and Proclamation of God's Word

We are called to be overcomers.

Romans 12:21 (NIV) Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

1 John 4:4 (NIV) Greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world.”

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

God's word is alive. When you speak it out to changes situations and builds faith for overcoming:

- Fear
- Anger
- Lack
- Sickness and injuries

And strengthening your faith for

- Strong relationships
- Your authority in Christ
- Your identity in Christ

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3. Reliance on the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:18-20 (NIV) Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.”

Be filled regularly with the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is given for:

- Gospel proclamation
- Fruits of the Spirit
- Gifts of the Spirit
- To help fulfil God’s plan for your life
- To warn you of trouble up ahead

4. The Gospel

- Sin
- Righteousness
- Judgement
- Jesus as Saviour
- Jesus as Lord

- Why we must be saved
- How Jesus can save us
- What we need to do to be saved
- The cost of becoming a disciple

Salvation Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross to take my punishment for all the things I have done wrong. I cannot thank you enough. I want to become a Christian right now. I chose to turn away from everything I know to be wrong and fully commit my life to following you. Holy Spirit, I invite you to come into my life, to fill me and empower me to live for God. I want everything you have for me! Thank you, in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen