

# Whatcha Building?

Matthew 7:24-27 (TPT) “Everyone who hears my teaching **and** applies it to his life can be compared to a wise man who built his house on an unshakable foundation. [25] When the rains fell and the flood came, with fierce winds beating upon his house, it stood firm because of its strong foundation. [26] “But everyone who hears my teaching and does not apply it to his life can be compared to a foolish man who built his house on sand. [27] When it rained and rained and the flood came, with wind and waves beating upon his house, it collapsed and was swept away.”

Jesus closes the sermon the mount the single greatest message ever heard upon this earth by a beautiful comparison between a wiseman and a foolish man

- Both heard the Word.
- When the rains came they fell on both houses.
- When the floods came they impacted both houses
- And when the fierce winds blew they beat upon both houses.

These are the similarities

The difference is one house was built to last and the other was built to fall

## Today I want to ask you a question, Whatcha Building?

Everyone is building something. - that something we are building is life. The great master project of us all.

Some would say, well if the floods took your house it was the will of God.

Defeat is not predetermined by the Divine

Success isn't either.

**Ex:** A couple years ago a massive cat 5 hurricane blew through my wife's home city & county one area took the hardest hit - Mexico Beach.

Looked like a bomb went off. Nothing was left except for one house. Building to the left gone! Building to the right gone! Building behind it gone! But there it stood.

It wasn't the will of God that determined everyone else but this one would survive. It was the forethought of the owners.

The built their house knowing that some day, eventually a storm would come - so the built their house to survive 250 mph winds.

They built a house that was sturdier than the storm.

God never promised you a storm free life but HE has provided you what you need to build a life that is sturdier than the storm.

## 1. Everyone who hears

The single most important factor in our life s hearing the voice of God

Hearing God ought to be normal, the absence of HIS voice Abnormal.

The one commonality of all highly spiritual people is the ability to clearly hear God

John 10:27 (TPT) My own sheep will hear my voice and I know each one, and they will follow me.

ἀκούω akouō 1) to be endowed with the faculty of hearing, not deaf, to understand, perceive the sense of what is said

**God has no spiritually deaf children!**

One may be physically deaf, but none are spiritually deaf.

We all have the ability to hear HIS voice.

“I know each one” HE knows how to communicate to you as an individual.

Bro Hagin, “If God is no longer speaking to you then go back to the last time HE did. What did HE tell you to do that you are not doing? What did HE tell you to stop doing that you are still doing?”

Do we take time the time to listen?

**Most of us in our prayers we provide God with directions rather than receiving instructions.**

Psalms 81:8-16 (NLT) "Listen to me, O my people, while I give you stern warnings. O Israel, if you would only listen to me! [9] You must never have a foreign god; you must not bow down before a false god. [10] For it was I, the LORD your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it with good things. [11] "But no, my people wouldn't listen. Israel did not want me around. [12] So I let them follow their own stubborn desires, living according to their own ideas. [13] Oh, that my people would listen to me! Oh, that Israel would follow me, walking in my paths! [14] How quickly I would then subdue their enemies! How soon my hands would be upon their foes! [15] Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him; they would be doomed forever. [16] But I would feed you with the finest wheat. I would satisfy you with wild honey from the rock."

Can you hear the heart of God?

God is so humble HE will not force any of us to listen. HIS humility is both a blessing and a problem for us.

A blessing because its HIS humility that makes our fellowship/ communication possible

A problem because HIS humility leads HIM to come to us in away that make it easy for us to reject and ignore HIM.

It'd be so much easier if HE would ignite a bush in our yard each evening. Or have an angel float through the wall every morning.

## **WE MUST LEARN TO VALUE HIS VOICE AND TREASURE HIS WORDS**

There was a time a long time ago, I would fight for my right to be heard - but not any longer. Now if I am in a room filled with people and I have to fight to be heard, I go silent. I will sit there and say thing.

I have learned if you don't value my voice you won't treasure my words and my words are too valuable to be wasted.

God is much the same way - there are times when HIS mercy will overstep HIS humility and HE will shout to get your attention.

But if God needs to shout that is not a good thing.

HE certainly prefers that still small voice of the spirit - Its nearly a whisper.

\*Story of Brad Climer

If you value HIS voice you will hear HIS voice - if you don't you won't.

Scholars have said that of all the religions ever practiced from ancient times to the present day only the God of the Jews/ Christians speaks to all of HIS people.

Proverbs 1:33 (NLT) But all who listen to me will live in peace, untroubled by fear of harm."

In the 8th chapter of John our Master said that HE always did what pleased God.

God will never tell you to do anything that displeases HIM

Isaiah 55:2-3 (NLT) Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food. [3] "Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the unfailing love I promised to David.

## 2. and applies it to his life

ποιέω poieō Construct, to make a thing out of something.

This is powerful. I don't want you to miss this.

The Words of God, teachings of Christ, are the building blocks of life.

We are to take HIS words and apply them to our situations, circumstances and decisions.

One brick upon the other, one word upon the other, one teaching upon the other.

To hear them without applying them would be like having a massive pile of bricks in your yard while you live in a pup tent.

Matthew 7:21 (NLT) “Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.

Consider this: the proof of repentance is obedience.

Last week at the end of service we concluded with a time of prophetic ministry.

During that time the Lord spoke to my heart, I did not speak this out, cause it was a private conversation but on the inside I heard, “the Kingdom knows only one form of lack, a lack of obedience.”

Psalms 19:7-11 (NLT) The instructions of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. [8] The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are clear, giving insight for living. [9] Reverence for the LORD is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the LORD are true; each one is fair. [10] They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb. [11] They are a warning to your servant, a great reward for those who obey them.

Why would anyone disobey God?

If we know that God loves us, we should never question an instruction from HIM. It will always be right.

When HE gives you a WORD you are not simply to discuss it, debate it or post it you are to obey it!

Do you remember the miracle at the wedding when Mary said, “Whatever HE says to do you do it!”

Miracles always follow obedience.

James 1:22-25 (NASB) But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. [23] For if anyone is a

hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; [24] for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. [25] But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

## **GOD'S COMMANDS ARE DIVINELY DESIGNED TO GUIDE YOU TO LIFE'S VERY BEST!**

You will not obey HIM if you don't believe what I just said.

All of God's people are ordinary people who have been made extraordinary through simple but consistent acts of obedience.