

Ps. 119:9 - 16; Matt. 7:24 – 29
BUILDING A HOUSE (LIFE) THAT SURVIVES THE STORMS

Matt. 7: 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.”

I. The illustration of a man’s life as a house.

A. Life, like a house, is built _____, over a period of time.

B. Your life is a totality – it’s a WHOLE, not just a pile of bricks and mortar. Sow an _____, reap a habit. Sow a habit, reap a character. Sow a character, reap a _____.

C. You have to _____ in the house you build.

II. There are some similarities between the 2 men:

A. They both _____ Christ’s teachings.

B. They build in the same locality – subjected to the same _____.

C. Both men face exactly the same storms. Christianity doesn’t exempt you from storms – the difference is your foundation.

Christianity does not exempt you from _____ in life.

What made the difference? The foundation. The only sure foundation is obedience to the Word of God. James 1:22 – be doers of the Word, and not hearers only.

How do we “live according to (His) word?” How do we build our life according to His Word? How do we build a life that will survive the storms?

I. HAVE A CONSISTENT _____ WITH GOD – v. 10-12

A. v. 10 - _____ GOD WITH ALL MY HEART (all your mind, will, emotions) The word can mean “to study and worship”, “to _____ a place frequently”.

B. v. 11 - _____ (Treasure up, store up, “hoard”) GOD’S WORD
Scripture memory is part of this. However, the word “hide” can also mean “to store up, to hoard.” The implication is that you may not need it today, but you will at some point. So store it up!!

C. v. 12 - BE _____ OF GOD
II Tim. 3:16 - “Instruction” (structured training) in righteousness” “Teach me”
indicates a process.

II. BE IN COMMUNITY WITH OTHER SEEKERS AFTER GOD – v. 13
“Recount” means “to rehearse, to celebrate, to _____!”

III. KEEP YOUR HEART/ATTITUDE IN CHECK - v. 14-16

A. REJOICE IN _____

B. MEDITATE - It’s the idea of mulling over what you’re learning about God.

C. CONSIDER - to pay attention to, to look intently, to respect HIS WAYS –
same word as in v. 3 – “follow His ways”. God’s way of looking at things. Part
of considering His ways is to understand that you will be in a minority. Understand
that respecting and obeying God’s Truth isn’t popular! Stay _____!

D. DELIGHT IN HIS DECREES. “to bend towards” – the idea of pursuing.

IV. BE PERSISTENT IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD – v. 16b

DON’T _____ HIS WORD – ignore, stop caring, to misplace.

CONCL. Storms are going to come into your life. Will you survive them? You
can, “by living according to God’s Word” – or, as Jesus put it, “hear these words of
Mine and put them into practice.”

