

RED LETTER LIVING

Sermon #8

Living Life Solid as a Rock

Matthew 7:21-27

July 30, 2017

Discuss Sermon

[The wise man builds his house on the rock... - Matthew 7:24](#)

The Sermon on the Mount is the greatest sermon ever recorded in the history of mankind. It is within this message that Jesus Christ gives basic marching orders to every one of His followers as to what it means to live a life that glorifies and honors the Lord. As we come to an end of the Sermon, Jesus gives one final message comparing the wise and foolish builders who choose to live life according to God's Word or reject it and experience a life in ruin. The primary mark of wisdom that Jesus examines is a life that is built upon the solid foundation of the Word of God while the primary mark of the foolish is the one who overcomplicates life with busyness and ends up building his/her life upon worldly philosophies and meaningless pursuits. Max Lucado observes,

"Busyness is an expert in robbing the sparkle and replacing it with the drab. Busyness invented the yawn and put the hum in the humdrum. The strategy of busyness is deceptive. With the passing of time, he'll infiltrate your heart with fatigue and cover the cross with dust so you'll be safely out of reach of change. Busyness won't steal your life from you. He'll do something far worse. He'll paint it with the familiar coat of drabness. The poison of busyness will blind your eyesight to the wonder of the cross."

- How does busyness effect your life both spiritually and physically?
- How does building your life on the solid foundation of God's Word help you find the balance you need to overcome the crowded life?

Exchange Views

“Busy lives appear to have substance. But busyness is often a cheap substitute for a life without God.

– **Chuck Swindoll**

It is easy to get overwhelmed in life and simply get off course. Sometimes we veer off course by accident while other times we drift off course due to a purposeful neglect of heeding the warning signs and following the right directions. Jesus Christ gives three comparisons within these verses that He wants us to consider: (1) Compare the Wise and Foolish Builder, (2) Compare the Solid and Shaky Foundation, and (3) Compare the Outcome of Victory or Ruin.

- What does it look like to build your life on the solid foundation in today’s culture?
- What warning signs do you need to heed in life that will help you avoid building your life on a foundation that ends in ruin?

Examine Text – Matthew 7:21-27

Read the main text from the sermon and reflect on the key words, phrases, and lessons that God is teaching us.

- What are the key lessons that you learn from this text?
- What stands out to you about the principles presented by the Lord?

Personalize Truth

Brother Lawrence was known as the “master of all pots and pans.” He wrote, “The time of busyness does not with me differ from the time of prayer; and in the clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are calling for different things, I enjoy God in as great tranquility as if I were upon knees in blessed prayer.” One cure for the crowded life that is built upon the shaky foundation is that of continually pursuing the presence of the Lord and His Word.

- Identify three practical ways you will pursue the presence of the Lord this week.
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