



Lesson #15: Life Lessons About Foundations (7:24-29)

The last few verses of the Sermon on the Mount are not something new but rather a continuation and final clinching of Jesus' earlier argument. Everyone is building their life on some kind of foundation. There are only two choices to build on: you either build on a solid and deep foundation or you build on a shallow and weak foundation. This is actually a recurrent theme in the Sermon on the Mount.

- V. 13-14 – Jesus tells us that there are two _____
- V. 15-20 – Jesus tells us that there are two kinds of _____
- V. 24-29 – Jesus tells us that there are only two *foundations*

The passage we are in today is about two builders who built two houses on two different types of foundations with two very different _____. In this "Tale of Two Builders" Jesus teaches us that the foundation upon which you build the house of your life is of utmost importance.

CONSIDER THE _____ TRAITS OF THE TWO BUILDERS

In order for us to bring out the distinctions between these two builders let's first look at their points of _____.

A. The both heard the same _____

By using the word "_____" (7:26), Jesus reveals that His words were intended for all people for all time. Both the builder on the rock and the builder on the sand heard the same message from Jesus.

B. They both had the same _____

They wanted the same thing, they thought about the same thing, and they were interested in the same thing. They even desired to build their houses in the same _____. Both houses were subjected to the same storm which indicates they were in close proximity to one another. These men also sought to build the same _____ of house. From the outside their houses appeared to be very similar.

CONSIDER THE _____ OF THESE TWO BUILDERS

The _____ is what differentiates these two buildings.

A. One man built his house to be _____

Jesus tells you straight up that the storms *will* come (just look at the use of the word "_____" in 7:25 and you will see this). Anybody can build a house that will stand firm when the sun is shining. It's the _____ that reveal the strength of your foundation.

B. One man built his house on _____

The opposite of a wise man is a fool. The Greek word for "fool" is "_____." The fool is short-sighted and naïve. He doesn't believe that bad things will happen to him. Sand-builders are unlike rock-builders because they choose to follow God on their own _____.

CONSIDER THE _____ OF THESE TWO BUILDERS

The end of their ways reveals the truths of this parable.

A. Rock-builders will _____ when the storm comes

Obedience to Christ does not mean you won't get rained on. Anyone who tells you that the Christian life is all sunny days has _____ to you. But, while obedience to Jesus' words is not a protection _____ troubles; it is a protection _____ troubles.

B. Sand-builders will _____ when the storms come

Jesus said, "*And great was the fall of it.*" This means that the house was utterly _____. There was nothing left of the life lived within it. There was nothing left of the hopes, dreams, plans, efforts, or anything, everything was destroyed and swept away as if it had never existed.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

The parable of the two houses simply teaches: If you build your foundation solidly on the _____, you will be able to _____ anything!

Maybe you are in a storm right now. Maybe you are in the process of discovering your _____ is _____. Turn to Jesus. Immerse yourself in God's Word. In the midst of your trial turn *to* God not *away* from Him. The Sermon on the Mount concludes in 7:28-29 with Matthew's first-hand account. In it we see that the crowd was amazed. They were amazed at the _____ Jesus taught and the _____ in which Jesus taught. The sad thing is that despite their amazement they didn't accept Jesus' as _____. Don't stop at being impressed with Jesus! Draw a line on the _____, not in the _____!