

Build On Solid Ground Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)

Matthew 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.*

1. “Therefore . . .” What is it **THERE FOR?**
2. Build your life on the rock solid foundation of **FAITH IN GOD.**

Matthew 7:25 *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.*

3. The **STORMS AND STRESS OF LIFE** are an inevitable part of life on this earth.

Matthew 6:34 . . . *do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

Matthew 7:26 *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.*

4. The foolish builder trusts in a **SHIFTING FOUNDATION.**

Matthew 7:27 *The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.*

5. Life without faith in God inevitably results in a **GREAT CRASH.**
6. Genuine faith in God is **EVIDENT** in how we live.

James 1:22-27 *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.*