

BUILT TO LAST

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Are you built to last?

BIG IDEA: We build to last by hearing, owning, practicing & applying what Jesus says.

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.”

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. **Matthew 7:24-29**

1 _____ Him, his words.

“These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. **Matthew 7:24**

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“Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart.” **Deuteronomy 6:4-6** CSB

2 _____, hear and do them. put into practice, live according to it; follows it; act on them; apply it to your life; obey

(John 14:21; 15:7; Jas. 1:22)

S.P.A.C.E.P.E.T.S. (from Rick Warren)

Questions To Ask Any Time Your Read Scripture

S – Is there a *Sin* to confess?

P – Is there a *Promise* to claim?

A – Is there an *Attitude* to change?

C – Is there a *Command* to Obey?

E – Is there an *Example* to follow?

P – Is there a *Prayer* to Pray?

E – Is there an *Error* to Avoid?

T – Is there a *Truth* to believe?

S – Is there *Something* to Thank God for?

PLUS

R – Is there something to *Repent* of

W – *What* are you speaking to me today?

3 _____—hearing, knowing & applying what he says builds a stable & resilient life. (7:24-25)

4 _____—Jesus speaks with God’s authority.

PUTTING THIS INTO PRACTICE

— Listen for and Hear _____.

— Be a _____ instead of a seed collector.

— Own and Build on what he says by _____ it and praying it aloud.

— _____ God daily how to live this out.