

Adult Impact Study Sheet – June 23, 2024

Read **Matthew 7:24-27**; if possible from several translations.
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Note: Be sure to also read a parallel passage in Luke 6:46-49.

The judgment illustrated here probably refers to the final judgment before God. The Lord was illustrating one main point: profession will ultimately be tested before God.¹

1. Glossary - Write your definitions of the following:

Wise

Foolish

Foundation

Collapse

2. “The adjectives **wise** and **foolish** describe a person's spiritual and moral state, not his intellect. Whether one is considered wise or foolish is determined by his response to Jesus’ teaching.”² Discuss what that means.
3. Hearing God's words and doing them is what it means to build on the rock foundation. (James 1: 22-25, 2:20-22; Luke 6:47) In other words, the foundation in this parable is obedience to God's Word, the evidence of true faith. Discuss that truth.
4. “To do Christ's sayings is conscientiously to abstain from the sins that He forbids and to perform the duties that He requires. Our thoughts and affections, our words and actions, the temper of our minds, and the tenor of our lives, must be conformable to the Gospel of Christ.”³ Discuss how these areas relate to the Gospel of Christ.
5. “Jesus was especially interested in three responses from His disciples: 1) they should listen carefully enough to His words that they truly **hear** them; 2) they should work to understand those words to the best of their ability; 3) they should faithfully act on the words they have come to understand.”⁴ How should that work out in the life of a believer?
6. What are some things the two men in this story had in common? What was the main difference between them? How does that relate to us in our journey of faith?
7. Read verse 28. The crowds were astonished at Jesus’ teaching. What made His teaching different from the teaching of the scribes and Pharisees? Discuss how that may relate to the two foundations.

¹ *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary, NT, 27*

² *CSB Study Bible, 1512*

³ *Commentary on the Holy Bible, Matthew Henry, 37*

⁴ *The Jeremiah Study Bible, 1293*