



April 24, 2013 • Matthew 7:13-29

“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. 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. 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. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at His teaching, because He taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.”

Matthew 7:24-29 (NIV)

“These words...”

- Keys to happiness (5:1-12)
- Life that make a difference (5:13-15)
- Completion of Jesus (5:17-20)
- Control of our temper (5:21-26)
- Sexual Purity (5:27-30)
- Marriage (5:31-32)
- Integrity (5:33-37)
- Love for enemies (5:38-48)
- Giving to others (6:1-4)
- Prayer/Fasting (6:5-18)
- Living for eternity (6:19-24)
- Trusting God (6:25-34)
- Helping others (7:1-6)
- Prayer (7:7-12)
- Following Christ (7:13-23)

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

1 Peter 4:12 (NIV)

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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

What Do We Do?

R_____ and Give _____ To God!

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

Why?

1. Brings Me _____ (Psalm 119:71)

It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn Your decrees.
Psalm 119:71 (NIV)

2. Makes Me Like _____ (Romans 5:3-4)

Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.
Romans 5:3-4 (NIV)

3. Gives Me A _____ (2 Corinthians 1:3-6)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.
2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)

4. Deepens My _____ With Others (Philippians 4:14)

Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.
Philippians 4:14 (NIV)

5. Develops My _____ (Philippians 1:12)

Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.
Philippians 1:12 (NIV)

Focus On The _____ Not The _____

Keep your eyes on Jesus, our leader and instructor. He was willing to die a shameful death on the cross because of the joy He knew would be His afterwards; and now He sits in the place of honor by the throne of God.
Hebrews 12:2 (Living)

“If you look at the world, you’ll be _____.

If you look within, you’ll be _____.

But if you look at Christ, you’ll be at _____!”

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Patiently Endure The _____

And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with Him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with Him!

Romans 8:17 (Message)

Anyone who wants to live all out for Christ is in for a lot of trouble; there's no getting around it.

2 Timothy 3:12 (Message)