

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BUILD YOUR LIFE ON THE BIBLE - THE WORD OF GOD?

Matt. 7:24-27, “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall” (NKJV).

I. THE WHOLE REASON FOR DOING THIS STUDY ON HOW TO BUILD YOUR LIFE ON THE WORD OF GOD IS THIS: WE WANT YOU TO BE BLESSED.

A. The Bible says that if you will do these five things in James 1:19-25, you will be blessed.

James 1:19-25, “So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be (1) **swift to hear**, slow to speak, slow to wrath; or the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. (2) **Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness**, and (3) **receive with meekness the implanted word**, which is able to save your souls. (4) **But be doers** of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and (5) **continues in it**, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does” (NKJV).

1. He said listen with your ears. Be swift to hear
2. Look intently with your eyes. (Vs 25) He who looks into the perfect law of Liberty (Bible)

That's one of the ways you get blessed. That's reading the Bible.

Then He says in verse 25:

3. Continue to do this. That's reviewing the Bible.

Then He says in verse 25:

4. Not forgetting what you've heard. That's remembering the Bible.
5. And be a doer of the Bible. That's obeying the Bible.

a. I respond to it with my actions.

James 1:22, “Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!”

Turn it into actions.

II. YOU REALLY ONLY BELIEVE THE PARTS OF THE BIBLE THAT YOU ACTUALLY DO.

This is what James says in:

James 2:17, “Faith that doesn't show itself by good works is no faith at all-it is dead and useless” (TLB).

A. When we really believe something, we do it.

1. Just knowing The Bible does not make you prosperous and successful. It is doing the Bible.

Look at this verse again:

Matt. 7:24-27, “Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice [underline that - puts them into practice. In other words you are a doer of the Word, you're an applier of the Word, you respond to it] 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 the house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine... [you come to church, you listen to them but you don't 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.”

2. You must build your life on the unchanging Word of God, The Bible.

3. How do you know if your life is not built on the rock of God's Word?

4. You'll be stressed out all the time.

B. Let me give you a simple tool to remember these five ways to get God's Word into your life.

The Hand:

1. Your little finger represents hearing it.

2. Your ring finger represents receiving it with your ears.

3. Middle finger represents reading it with your eyes.

4. Index finger represents researching it with your mouth and your hands.

5. Your thumb represents responding to it with your actions.

C. If all your Bible intake is simply hearing it; you don't ever get any Bible in your life except when you come to church. Then you're holding on to the Bible with your pinkie. That's all the grip you've got.

IF I HAVE A STRONG GRIP ON THE WORD OF GOD, I WILL FEEL AND BE SECURE
AND NOT ALL STRESSED OUT BECAUSE I'M BUILT ON THE ROCK- GOD'S WORD.