

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Sandra Heim | Peru



PRAY

- Pray for the upcoming Peru field team meeting and the Arequipa meeting.
- Pray for the upcoming events at the prenatal/counseling center including training and conferences.
- Pray for Sandra as she is working out the arrangements for an upcoming furlough, specifically transportation while in the USA.

PRAISE

- Praise God for the 40th anniversary celebration of the Lima Seminary. They currently have 12 graduate students, 6 undergrad, and 6 students in a Biblical Counseling program.
- Praise God for a successful special celebration at the Prenatal Center, we had over 20 mothers and children attended.



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Study Date: 02/16/25

Winning Faith At Home

The story of the wise man who built his house upon a rock is found in Matthew 7:24 –27. It is one of the parables of Jesus. During His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told a story about two men: one who built his house upon a rock and another who built his house upon sand. The house built upon a rock weathered the storm, and the builder is called wise; but the house built on the sand collapsed during the storm, and the builder is called foolish.

The meaning of this parable is quite obvious: proper foundations are necessary. With a literal house, it is unwise to build on sand, because the foundation will be unsteady and the house will eventually suffer some kind of damage. This will waste resources, and all the time and work put into building the house in the first place will have gone for nothing. In contrast, it is wise to build one’s house on a sure foundation; anchoring to bedrock makes a building withstand the test.

But Jesus’ sermon was not concerned with house construction or building code violations. The spiritual meaning of the parable is found in Matthew 7:24: “Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” We are each building a life. The proper foundation for a life is Jesus’ words—not just the hearing of them, but the doing of them, too (see James 1:22).

It seems at times that everything in the world is set up to make us turn away from God’s words. And often, our own feelings pull us toward doing the exact opposite of what the Bible says. But a wise man will follow the words of God despite these pressures—not as a way to “show off” or earn salvation, but because he trusts God. All through the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus presented Himself as the final authority on and fulfiller of the Law; He ends the sermon with a call to heed His message and, in fact, find one’s security in Him (see 1 Corinthians 3:11).

As we follow the Lord, learning to trust and obey Him, we receive a reward: our “house” is steady and solid, unshaken by circumstances. The wise man is the believer whose life is built upon the Rock of Christ; in this world he has faith and hope, and in the next everlasting life and love (see 1 Corinthians 13:13). The wise man is like the tree planted by the riverside, whose leaf does not wither (Psalm 1:1–3).

Resource: Gotquestions.org

KEY VERSE

Matthew 7:24 (NKJV)

“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:”

Read Matthew 7:24-29 Every Day!

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Matthew 7:24

Introduction

1. What lesson is Matthew 7:24 teaching us about the type of foundation we need to build our lives on? What does the “*wise man*” build his house on?
2. What does paragraph 3 on pg. 1 reveal to us as to *whom* we need to choose as our foundation? How is a “proper foundation for a life” defined?

Tuesday: I Cor. 3:11; Matt. 7:24; James 1:22; Psalm 40:1-2

Build Your Home On The Foundation Of Jesus

3. As believers, how does James 1:22 speak to our “full” obedience towards Christ? Why *can't* we be just “*hearers*” of the Word?
4. How well are YOU walking in obedience to Jesus? Looking at your current state, are you still building on sand or have you moved to the rock?

Wednesday: Matthew 7:26; Luke 6:46

Don't Build On The Sand Of Disobedience

5. What is Matthew 7:26 trying to warn us of? What does a “*foolish man*” build his house on? What will be the result?
6. How should we interpret the question Jesus asks; “*why do you call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say* (Luke 6:46). What is it calling us to?

Thursday: Matt. 7:25,27; Rom. 12:2; Isa. 43:1-2; Dan. 12:4

Depend On Jesus When Storms Attack Your Home

7. What comfort does Matthew 7:25 give those of us who have chosen to build “*on the rock*”?
8. Romans 12:2 warns us to “*not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind*. Are YOU?
9. Who has commanded us to “*fear not, for I have redeemed you*.” Who do we belong to that we should have no fear? (Isaiah 43:1-2)

Friday: Matt: 7:28-29; Joshua 24:15; Matt. 6:33; Acts 16:30-34

Put Jesus First In Your Home

10. Matthew 7:28-29 clearly tells us what is in store for those who study the Word of Jesus? How often are you opening it up in your home?
11. What inspiration and confidence *should* Joshua 24:15 give us in terms of “*who*” we will serve in our home?
12. What is the clear message of Matthew 6:33? What must we “*seek first*”?