

# A Word of Warning to Wannabe Disciples

Matthew 7:24-27

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<sup>24</sup> "Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn't collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn't act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. It collapsed with a great crash."

1. You are judged by what you know, not what you don't know
2. How does God reveal His will?
  - a. **General** revelation
    - i. Creation (Rom. 1:19-20)
    - ii. Conscience (Rom. 2:14-15)
  - b. **Special** revelation
    - i. Prophets, apostles, and Jesus (Heb. 1:1-2; 2 Pet. 1:20-21)
    - ii. Text of the **Bible** (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
3. Hearing/reading the words of Jesus is a **privilege** (1 Pet. 1:10-12)
4. Hearing/reading the words of Jesus requires a **response** (John 5:39-40)
5. Hearing/reading and doing/practicing brings **blessing** (John 7:17; James 1:22-25)
6. Hearing and *not* doing brings catastrophic **collapse**

## On Your Own (better with others)

1. *agree/disagree*

No one gets to heaven because they obeyed Jesus, but neither does one get to heaven who does not obey Him.
2. READ Luke 11:27-28. Who did the woman in the crowd say was blessed? Who does Jesus say is blessed?
3. What part of Jesus' teaching in the SOTM seems out of touch, impractical or even impossible to obey? (check all that apply)
  - Rejoice when insulted and persecuted (5:11-12)
  - Being angry with a brother is subject to judgment (5:22)
  - Don't worship until you fix broken relationships (5:23-24)
  - Lustfully looking on a woman is adultery in the heart (5:28)
  - Marriage is never meant to be broken (5:31-32)
  - Honest, plain speaking means no rationalizing (5:37)
  - Give to the one who asks you; lend freely (5:42)
  - Practice giving, praying and fasting in private (6:1-18)
  - Heavenly investments matter more than earthly (6:19-21)
  - You cannot serve both God and also chase money (6:24)
  - Do not worry, but rely on God to take care of you (6:25-32)
  - Seek first the kingdom of God & His righteousness (6:33)
  - Don't judge others or condemn them; be merciful (7:1-5)
4. From the list above, use your imagination and creatively suggest ways that your group would change if we actually put Jesus' teaching into practice. How can your group help?
5. READ Matthew 12:46-50. In your own words, how does Jesus describe those who are a part of the family of God?