

# PARABLES: THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS

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## The Parable of the Wise & Foolish Builder

Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:31-32

<sup>24</sup> "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. <sup>25</sup> Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. <sup>26</sup> But anyone who hears my teaching and ignores it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. <sup>27</sup> When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash."

Matthew 7:24-27

- I) Actors:
- A) The \_\_\_\_\_ builder.
  - B) The \_\_\_\_\_ builder.
  - C) The \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D) The \_\_\_\_\_.
- II) Action: The \_\_\_\_\_ of living by God's wisdom versus the \_\_\_\_\_ of living by the world's wisdom.
- III) Wisdom is seeing and responding to life from \_\_\_\_\_.

## How Do I Live Wisely?

- I) \_\_\_\_\_ God is the architect of wisdom.
- A) For the LORD grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:6
  - B) Fear of the LORD is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment. Proverbs 9:10
- II) \_\_\_\_\_ God's word daily.
- A) For I have stayed on God's paths; I have followed his ways and not turned aside. I have not departed from his commands, but have treasured his words more than daily food. Job 23:11-

B) You can feed your mind:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ food.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ food.

C) Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105

D) To start to develop this habit you need:

- 1) A \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) A \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) A \_\_\_\_\_.

III) \_\_\_\_\_ to God's word obediently.

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. James 1:22

IV) \_\_\_\_\_ the world won't understand why I am following God's wisdom.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2

Choose God's wisdom over the world's folly.

Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.

Matthew 7:24

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

James 1:5