

Matthew 7:24-27 NET

“Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them is like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the flood came, and the winds beat against that house, but it did not collapse because it had been founded on rock. Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the flood came, and the winds beat against that house, and it collapsed; it was utterly destroyed!”

If we desire a strong foundation we need the Discipline of Doing

James 1:22 NIV

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

It's not about being Informed, it's about being Transformed

If we desire a strong life, we need the Discipline of Digging

Luke 6:47-49 NET

“Everyone who comes to me and listens to my words and puts them into practice—I will show you what he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep, and laid the foundation on bedrock. When a flood came, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the person who hears and does not put my words into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against that house, it collapsed immediately, and was utterly destroyed!”

Psalms 62:2 NIV

Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

If we desire an enduring faith, we must prepare for the Discipline of Disaster

Hebrews 12:11 NIV

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Moral of the Story – It is Discipline over Desire that Determines our Destiny.

Response: (multiple choice)

I need to build my house on the new foundation of Christ

I need to take action and not just be a hearer only

I need to shore up my foundation by addressing sin in my life