



Matthew 7:24-28

Wise or foolish! Just think those titles are ours depending on how we respond to Jesus' words. In this last part of "the sermon on the mount," Jesus directs us to take heed. In fact, in this last section, he gives us three contrasts. A broad path or a narrow one, two trees—one bearing good fruit the other bearing bad and two houses, two foundations and one storm.

In each example, he is asking us to make a choice or decision. It's never enough to simply hear Jesus' words. There isn't a participation ribbon given out simply for being in the crowd. Read through the scripture again and notice the choices. You can put Christ's words into practice and your house will stand or you can ignore His words and your house will fall down. The simplest question is what do you want to experience? Notice also that both the wise and the foolish will have storms. The rain will come, the streams will rise, and wind will beat against the house. There are no exceptions. The only difference is the foundations. One is built into the rock and the other is built in sand. According to Jesus that is what makes the difference. So allow me to ask some questions.

-What are you building on?

-What do you fall back on when the storms come?

-What are you building? Do you ever stop and see the "big picture"?

-When you stand before the Lord and He asks you the question—"did you choose the wise or foolish way"—what will be your answer?

This week take some time to assess where you are at and where you are going. My hope is you will make some decisions that will give you a strong foundation for life and beyond.

Blessings,
Pastor Nathan