

Foundation of our Lives

Romans 12:2

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In our last lesson, we talked about renewing our minds. The Bible says that we have the ability to think like Christ, yet we must program our minds to think like Christ. In this lesson, we are going to discuss why it is important to download God's Word. There are some who download the Word, and it is for informational purposes only. That isn't why God wants us to download the Word. We are going to read Matthew 7:24-27 and see the reason God wants us to download the Word; why God wants us to truly be Christ-like; to truly be able to come to that place where our outward actions and manifestations and behaviors truly reveal what is going on on the inside. According to Matthew, Jesus has begun His public ministry. He has already been baptized, and tempted by Satan. He is in Galilee and teaching and a crowd is following Him now. He chooses a mountainside, a large amphitheater, if you will, by the Sea of Galilee to teach a multitude of people. Some call it the Sermon on the Mount, but I refer to it as His teaching on the mount, because the Bible says that He sat and taught. When He comes to the conclusion of His teaching, He gives us a mindboggling illustration of how important hearing, and doing what He says.

Scripture

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the

sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

This doesn't need much explanation. Everyone on that mountainside had the privilege of hearing Jesus teach, yet He knew that his audience would literally break down into two groups of people. I know that same thing is true of the church at Hardin. Jesus likens His audience to two builders.

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