

Title: **Wise Builder**

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27 / Luke 6:46-49

Introduction:

- Parable – an earthly story with a heavenly meaning
- Bible Context
 - o Part of the sermon on the Mount.
 - Not to judge others
 - Ask, seek and knock
 - Narrow and wide gate
 - Tree and it's fruit
- Jesus responding to why they call him “Lord, Lord”. (Luke 6:46-49)

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Big idea: Today we want to look at four areas concerning what we should know and understand about being a “wise builder.”

Discipleship Lesson Outline:

1. **Wise man knows how to build.** (verse 24)
 - i) Hears, does and practice good building methods.
 - ii) Learns how to build the right way.

2. **Wise man prepares a good foundation.** (verse 25)
 - i) He digs down and build on the rock.
 - ii) Jesus is the Rock
 - iii) The Word of God if our key foundation stone.
 - iv) Need today for foundation inspectors.

3. **Wise man knows there will be challenges.** (verse 25)
 - i) Storms winds and waves.
 - ii) Times of testing.
 - iii) Prepares for the future.

4. **Wiseman or a foolish Man.** (verse 26)
 - i) Foolish builder's characteristics
 - (1) Does not hear or do what is right.
 - (a) Does not hear
 - (b) Does not do
 - ii) He practices and lives bad ways.
 - (1) No discipline or proper standards
 - iii) He will in the end loss all. V. 27

Conclusion:

- James encourages the disciple not to just be a hearer but a doer also James 1:22-25
- The key is not so much what the house looks like outwardly but what it is built on!

Discipleship Teaching Principles:

- Are we truly having Jesus Christ as the Lord of our lives?
- Jesus has called His disciples to be wise builders, one's who builds their house upon the Rock.
- Are we hearing and doing things according to God's word and Spirit?
- Are we practicing / doing good building techniques?
- The Bible teaches us, that if we lack wisdom we can call upon God and He will give it to us generously. (James 1:5)

Disciples Prayer and Commitment:

- That as we pray each day God would help us to be wise builders for Him.
- That God will show us where we are living and acting foolishly in our lives.
- That we would let God build the truth of His Word into our hearts as we serve Him.