

Lesson 5



Building On A Solid Foundation

- The Wreck
- The Purchase Contract
- The Home Inspection
- Demo Day!
- NOW THE REBUILDING
BEGINS!



The foundation might not be the most exciting part of the house, but it is the most important.

Unless the
Lord
builds the *house*
they labor in *vain*
who
BUILD it.

Psalm 127:1



**Let's take
a Quiz**



**Are These Sayings From
The Bible Or Not?**

The
unexamined
life is not
worth living.

“Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else,”

**THE STRENGTH
OF A NATION
derives from
THE INTEGRITY
OF THE HOME**



like
MOTHER
like
DAUGHTER

THE **JOURNEY** OF
a thousand miles
BEGINS **WITH**
A **STEP**
SINGLE



Even *fools*
are thought WISE
if they keep silent,
& DISCERNING
if they hold their
tongues

A photograph of a large crowd of people, likely at a stadium or arena, with a quote overlaid in white text. The background is dark and slightly blurred, showing the silhouettes of many people.

WISE MEN SPEAK BECAUSE
THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY;
FOOLS BECAUSE THEY
HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING.

**NEITHER A
BORROWER NOR A
LENDER BE.**


the **RICH**
rule over the
POOR and the
BORROWER
is **SLAVE**
to the **LENDER**

*do good, lend, and
expect nothing in return*

How can we build a sure-footed faith on a foundation which will not crumble?

In Acts chapter 17, the apostle Paul praised the believers in Berea for being fair-minded and of noble character because they examined the scriptures daily to be sure what he spoke was true.

We need to do the same, and search out the truth. Much of the knowledge we have accumulated over the years is wisdom from people, rather than from God. Without reading the word of God, it can be difficult to discern between the two.

A night sky with the Milky Way galaxy visible. In the foreground, there is a silhouette of a tree with two main branches, each topped with a spiky, star-like object. The sky is dark blue and black, filled with numerous stars and the bright, hazy band of the Milky Way.

So this is what the Sovereign Lord
says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a
tested stone, a precious
cornerstone for a sure foundation;
the one who relies on it will never
be stricken with panic.

Isaiah 28:16 NIV

Ephesians 2:19-22

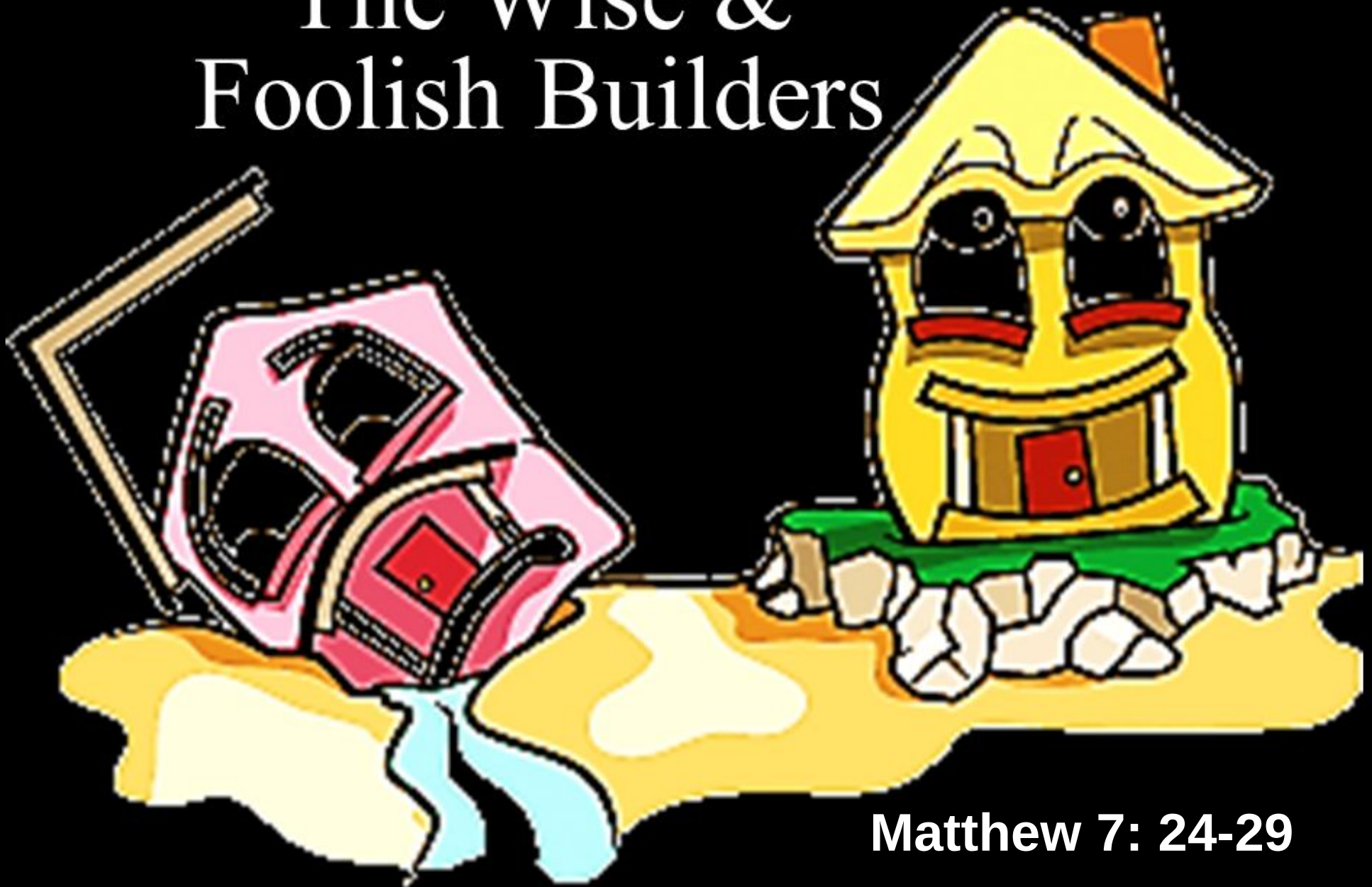
19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

EVERYONE WHO HEARS MY TEACHING
AND APPLIES IT TO HIS LIFE CAN BE COMPARED
TO A WISE MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE
ON AN UNSHAKABLE FOUNDATION.

Matthew 7:24



The Wise & Foolish Builders



Matthew 7: 24-29

1 Corinthians 3:10-13 (NIV84)

¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.

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- Ephesians 4: 17-32
- Colossians 3: 1-17

The Framework



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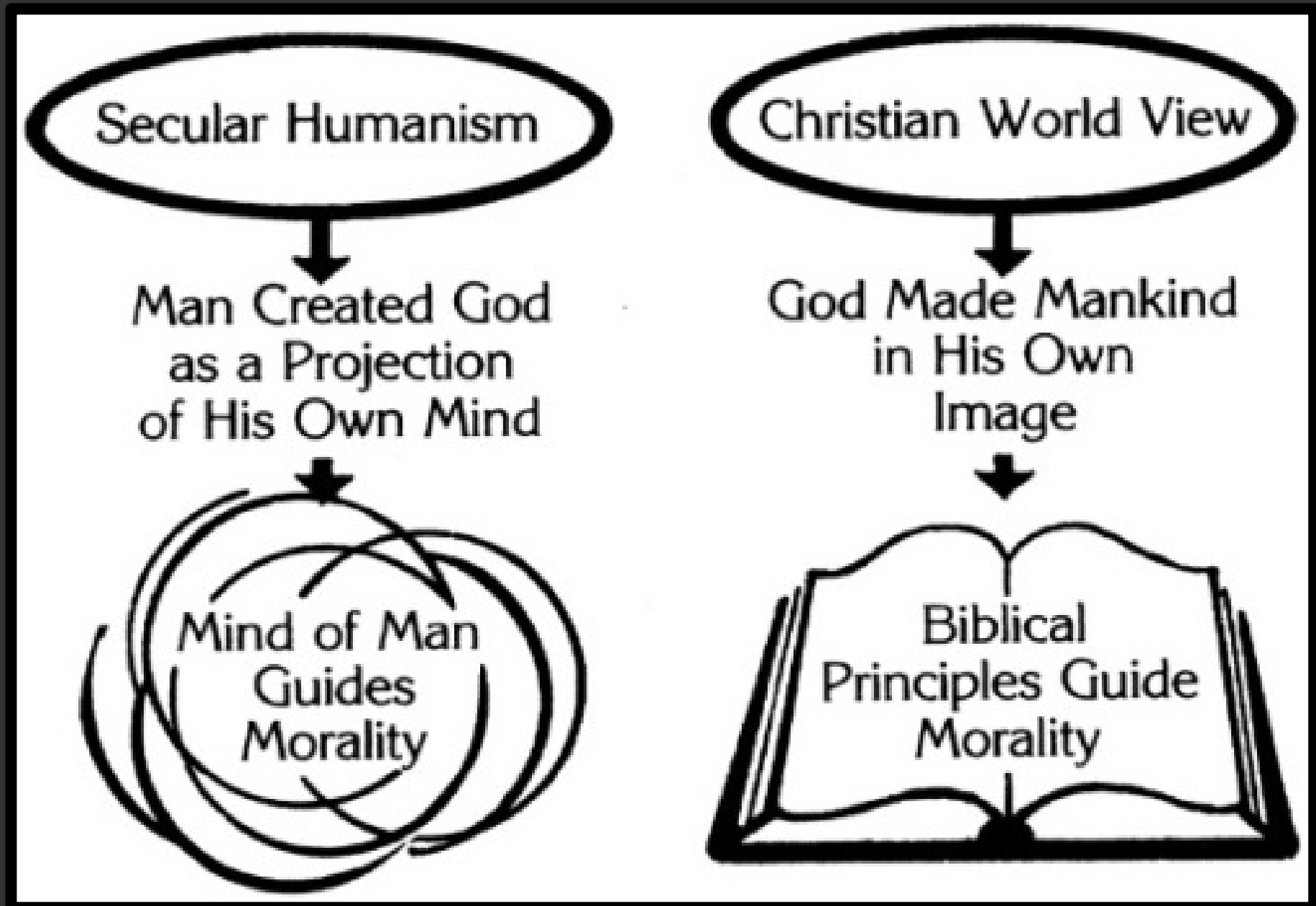
“If your sills were shot and your timbers was okay, I'd say fix her up. If your timbers were shot and sills was okay, I'd say fix her up. But your sills are shot and your timbers are shot. I'll show you. Take a look at the way what she leans. Tear it down.”

Framework is defined as:

- an essential supporting structure of a building, vehicle, or object.
- a basic structure underlying a system, concept, or text.
- as in "the changing framework of society"

The Constitution of the United States comprises the nation's fundamental law, providing the *framework* for its governance and the principles under which it must operate.

As Christians, Our *Framework* Is Determined By Our Worldview



What's A Christian Worldview?

A nationwide survey completed by the Barna Research Group determined that only 4 percent of Americans had a “biblical” worldview, and among ‘born- again’ believers in America, the results were only 9 percent!

Barna says, “Although most people own a Bible and know some of its content, our research found that most Americans have little idea how to integrate core biblical principles to form a unified and meaningful response to the challenges and opportunities of life.”

Here are the questions, based on claims found in the Bible, which George Barna used in his survey:

- Do absolute moral truths exist?
- Is absolute truth defined by the Bible?
- Did Jesus Christ live a sinless life?
- Is God the all-powerful and all-knowing Creator of the universe, and does He still rule it today?

- Is salvation a gift from God that cannot be earned?
- Is Satan real?
- Does a Christian have a responsibility to share his or her faith in Christ with other people?
- Is the Bible accurate in all of its teachings?

Did you answer yes to these? Only 9 percent of “born- again” believers did.

How did a biblical worldview get diluted?

The constant bombardment with nonbiblical worldviews in television, movies, music, books, magazines and the classrooms of America have been a huge influence in shaping how we see the world.

At times we are not even aware of the things we have incorporated into our worldview.

Secular thought has so permeated our culture that it is sometimes difficult to even spot it in our views on history, law, science and ethics.

Without a little background on secular humanist thought, it's very easy to just go with the flow and not recognize that you are veering off in the direction which the apostle Paul warned us about in Colossians 2:8 which says, *“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.”*

Secular Humanism Ethics: Ethical Relativism

Since the Humanist rejects the existence of God, human beings get to decide on standards and values. Humanists believe that science, reason, and historical experience are sufficient guides for figuring out what is right or wrong in any situation. These standards will not always be the same, as each person has a different background and reasoning. Therefore, the standards and values – ethics – are relative. The Humanist Manifesto II states, "We affirm that moral values derive their source from human experience. Ethics is autonomous and situational, needing not theological or ideological sanction. Ethics stems from human need and interest."

Humanist Manifesto I, written in 1933, talked of a new “religion”, and referred to Humanism as “*a religious movement to transcend and replace previous religions that were based on allegations of supernatural revelation.*”

Humanist Manifesto II, written in 1973 states that “*No deity will save us; we must save ourselves.*” And then it tells of the plans for the public education of our children...

John Dunphy wrote:

“I am convinced that the battle for humankind’s future must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers that correctly perceive their role as proselytizers of a new faith: a religion of humanity that recognizes and respects the spark of what theologians call divinity in every human being ...

“The classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between the old and new — the rotting corpse of Christianity, together with all its adjacent evils and misery, and the new faith of humanism...”

"Fading Faith: new trends show secularism is booming, even in the seemingly pious United States." (Cover of Free Inquiry Magazine)

"A historic transition is occurring, barely noticed. Slowly, quietly, imperceptibly, religion is shriveling in America, as it already has in Europe, Canada, Australia, Japan – across the developed world. Increasingly, supernatural faith belongs to the third world. The first world is entering the long-predicted Secular Age, when science and knowledge dominate."

A generation of Americans are building their worldview on secular humanist “religion” while Christianity is being eliminated from the public sector and mocked.

“Whatever we (America) once were, we are no longer. We have changed,” said Ken Ham, president of Answers in Genesis, in his second State of the Nation address. “Most of the founding fathers of this nation ... built the worldview of this nation on the authority of the Word of God,” he said. “Because of that, there have been reminders in this culture concerning God’s Word, the God of creation.”

Ham, who leads the Creation Museum near Cincinnati, said those reminders have been and are progressively being removed, and younger generations are increasingly abandoning God's Word and making "man's word" their foundation.

"Do you realize what they're saying to the students in this nation? They're saying 'when you look at the universe, life, mankind, all of reality, the supernatural has nothing to do with it. Everything is explained by natural processes.'"

“That’s the religion of atheism, naturalism,” he pointed out. “They’ve actually thrown out Christianity and replaced it with a different religion.”

The foundations in America are shifting from moral absolutes (the Word of God) to moral relativism (man’s word), Ham indicated.

Now that they have built their foundation, Ham predicts the *secular humanist will become much more aggressive*, and he sees that *Christians are slowly shrinking back and compromising the Word of God*.

NIV PERFORATED BIBLE

*Simply remove
the pages you
don't like.*



GRAND RAPIDS, MI—Stating the new edition of the Scriptures would allow Christians to remove doctrines, verses, and entire books of the Bible they find unpopular or inconvenient, Zondervan Publishing announced Tuesday a new Bible with micro-perforated, completely removable pages. “Don’t like some of the heavy-handed calls to repentance, whether in the New Testament or Old? Now you can just rip that page right out,” a representative for the publisher said in an over-the-phone interview. “If you’re reading through an epistle and the author calls you to the carpet on one of your pet sins, you can just crumple that page up and toss it right in the trash.”

“The bottom line is, if you stumble across a snippet of the Word that’s hard for you to swallow, now you can just get rid of it,” the rep added. Zondervan further claimed that internal tests showed a massive improvement in the devotional lives of users of the Bible, who reported that they enjoyed the Word of God more than ever.”

“People are far more likely to daily pick up their Bible if they know it’s not going to convict them of their sin, make them uncomfortable, or confront their faulty thinking on an issue. The NIV Perforated Bible makes that dream into a reality.”

Are you shocked? So was I, and then I scrolled down to the bottom of the page and saw this:



They were only joking ... at least for now!

Build on the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. And remember that unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. (Psalm 127:1)

There Is No Neutral Ground - Jesus said in Matthew 12:30:

“He that is not with me is against me.”

Christians need to know who's side they're on, and be aware of the framework on which they are building their lives. We don't build on tradition. We don't build on ritual. We don't build on popular culture. Our foundation is the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the framework for our beliefs and our actions must be a biblical worldview, where God's word is our authority.



AND DO NOT BE CONFORMED
TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED
BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, THAT
YOU MAY PROVE WHAT IS THAT GOOD AND
ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT WILL OF GOD.

~ *Romans 12:2* ~

**The Christian [worldview] does not fear
comparison with any other view of things!
It is far superior to all the solutions of
the riddle of the world — which do
not take God into account.**

**It is not speculation but reality,
not imagination but wisdom,
not a deception but the truth,
*and therefore . . .***

**It does not paralyze but liberates,
does not humiliate but exalts,
does not degrade but ennobles.**

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

**When darkness seems to veil His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.**

**His oath His covenant and blood
Support me in the 'whelming flood:
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.**

**On Christ the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
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**When the last trumpet's voice shall sound,
O may I then in him be found.
Clothed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before his throne.**

Words by Edward Mote (1797-1874)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said—
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?


“Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not harm thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus doth lean for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”





Don't wait for
things to get better. Life will
always be complicated.
Learn to be happy right now,
otherwise you'll run out
of time.