

WSU Christian Challenge Study Guide  
Matthew 7:24-29  
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Read Matthew 7:24-29.

### ***Comparing the Similarities between the Two Builders***

#### *1) They both hear the words of Jesus*

- What might a foolish builder - someone who *hears* the words of Jesus but *doesn't do them* - look like in our modern, American context?

#### *2) Both builders are building something*

- Humans are constantly thinking about how to build something in, around, or through their lives that provides safety and security. What kinds of things might we be tempted to "build" to try to meet our need for safety and security?

#### *3) Both builders face the storm*

- How should knowing that we *will* face storms shape how we build our "houses" today?

### ***Contrasting the Differences between the Two Builders***

#### *1) The wise builder does the words of Jesus, but the foolish builder does not*

- How should Jesus' emphasis on not simply *hearing* His words but also on *doing them* shape the way we think about the Gospel and growing in Christ?

#### *2) The wise builder builds on the rock, but the foolish builder builds on the sand*

- What does the rock in this analogy symbolize and what does it look like, practically, to "build our house on the rock"?
- What does the sand in this analogy symbolize and what does it look like, practically, to "build our house on the sand"?

#### *3) The wise builder's house endures, but the foolish builder's house falls*

- What does Jesus' figurative imagery represent here?
- Consider this statement: "Although Jesus won't save us *from* the storms, He most certainly will save us *through* them."
  - Does this encourage you or discourage you?
  - How does it shape way you think about life, suffering, and trials?

### **Application:**

- Take some time to think through, pray through, and discuss this question: "What is the foundation on which you're building your life?" Ask God to give you insight.
- If you discover that you're "building your house on sand," what step do you need to take to join God in beginning to build upon the rock of the Gospel?
- If you are building your house on the rock, what is one thing that you think will be key in continuing that process this coming week?