

STANDING ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

2 Timothy 3:10-17

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“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.”

Matthew 7:24-27

- All are building a _____.
- All are building on a _____.
- Every foundation is _____.
- Every foundation is _____.

I. STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH.

“You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it.”

2 Timothy 3:10-14

II. STAND FIRM ON SCRIPTURE.

“and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:15-17

A. What is Scripture?

1. The Bible is God’s Word!

- ❖ The Bible is God’s word written, God’s word through men’s words, spoken through human mouths and written through human hands for all people of all ages.

2. God still speaks through His Word.

- ❖ God’s Word is contemporary—it moves with the times and continues to address each new generation!

B. What Will Scripture Do for Me?

“so shall My Word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

Isaiah 55:11

a. God’s Word is powerful in salvation:

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.”

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

“...If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved...For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:9-10, 13

- ❖ **WARNING:** We cannot set speech and action over against each other as if they were alternatives.

b. God’s Word is powerful in equipping us to accomplish good works:

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17