

...it ruin our faith in God. In contrast, the house on the sand is symbolic of building our life upon anything but Jesus Christ. This could be our own opinions, our family tradition, our pastor, our religion, famous people, money or material possessions. All these foundations will lead to eternal ruin and destruction because it does NOT develop in us a righteous character like Jesus Christ.

9) Many in this world build their life upon money and wealth. What does the Bible say about putting your trust in riches? -1 Timothy 6:17, Luke 12:15-21.

1 - Paul charges the rich to "be not hi__mi__ded, nor t__st in uncertain r__hes, but in the li__ng God."

2 - Jesus warned us: "for a man's life con__steth not in the ab__dance of the th__gs which he pos__sseth." God told the rich man who trusted in riches: "Thou f__l, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast pr__ided? So is he that layeth up tre__ure for himself, and is not r__h toward God."

*Note: The reason why many in the church, today, have such a weak vacillating faith that is so quick to compromise with sin is because the most important thing in our life is riches and NOT God. This is why Jesus tells us that no man can serve two masters: God and money at the same time. (See Matt. 6:24) Balaam, Solomon, Judas and many others made compromises for money, which lead to spiritual ruin.

10) What does the Bible say one must do to give them strength to resist the temptation of covetousness or any other sin? -Psalms 119:11.

1 - "Thy w__d have I h__d in mine h__rt, that I might not s__n against th__e."

*Note: In order to be established in the faith and built upon the Rock with a deep foundation, scripture memorization is essential! Scripture memorization gives you the ability to quote scripture anytime you need to defend your faith without even needing a Bible in your hand. It also gives you confidence in witnessing to others and helps you to know when people are misquoting scripture. When you study the life of Jesus, you see that he spoke as one having authority because He knew and quoted the Word of God. Jesus also used the Word to rebuke the Devil, which empowered Him to overcome the three temptations in the wilderness.



11) What does the Bible say those who are ready for the coming of the Lord are? -James 5:7, 8.

1 - "Be ye also pat__nt; st__li_h your h__rts: for the c__ing of the L__d draweth n__gh."

*Note: Notice that the Bible says that those who are prepared for the coming of the Lord are "established" in the faith and receive the Latter Rain of the Holy Spirit!

Appeal) Will you build your life upon the Rock and establish a deep foundation on Jesus Christ that you may receive the Latter Rain and be prepared for the coming of the Lord? ____.

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"Lesson 6 - Established in the Faith & Built upon the Rock"



In a world filled with deception, temptation and sin, God's people must be established in the faith and have their faith built upon the rock. Many church goers live very inconsistent lives frequently compromising with the world and with sin. What does it mean to be established in the faith and built upon the rock? How can this help you in your daily Christian walk? Complete this lesson with KJV Bible and find out!

1) What does the Bible say every Christian should be? -Colossians 2:6-8.

1 - "As ye have therefore received Ch__st Jesus the Lord, so w__k ye in him: R__ted and bu__t up in him, and sta__ished in the f__th, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man sp__l you through phi__sophy and vain dec__t, after the tradition of m__n, after the ru__ments of the world, and not after Christ."

*Note: The Bible says that we should be "stablished" in the faith. The word stablished means to stabilize, or to make stable. God doesn't want his people to be weak, unstable and wavering in faith, but instead, he wants us to be strong, consistent and reliable. We will only have these characteristics when we are deeply rooted in Christ.

*Note: Plants that have shallow roots are easily removed from the soil and can be blown down by strong wind. Deep strong roots will make the tree unmovable. To be deeply rooted in the Christ means to have a deep understanding of the Word of God. Having a strong faith in the Word of God will especially keep you from being blown away by the Devil's temptation.



2) What does the Bible say we should no more be? -Ephesians 4:14, 15.

1 - "That we henceforth be no more ch__dr_n, t__sed to and fro, and c__ried about with every w__nd of d__trine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to dec__ve. But speaking the truth in love, m__y g__w u__ into h__m in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

*Note: Spiritual babes in Christ are easily lead astray, "tossed to and fro" and

.....mislead from the Truth, which is why the Bible says we must "grow up into all things." Many professed Christians don't know their Bibles very well, nor can they show you from the Bible why they believe what they believe. Growing up in Christ is more than just growing in an intellectual knowledge of the Bible, but, most importantly, growing in faith and character development.



3) What must we do in order to grow up into Christ? What must we eat on a daily basis? -2 Timothy 2:15, John 6:51.

1 - "St_udy to shew thyself appr_ved unto G_d, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly di_ending the w_ord of truth."

2 - "I am the living br_ead which came down from heaven: if any man e_et of this br_ead, he shall live for _er: and the bread that I will give is my fl_h, which I will give for the life of the world." -John 6:51

*Note: In order for a baby to grow up to be a healthy adult, the baby must feed, first, on the mother's milk, then, eat food on a daily basis. In like manner, the Christian must eat the bread of life, which is the Word of God, on a regular basis to grow up to spiritual adulthood. If a child is not eating the right foods, or not eating at all, this will result in poor health and stunted growth. Inconsistency in Bible study will result in stunted spiritual development and will cause us to be spiritual dwarfs.



4) What does the Bible say we must be ready always to give? -1 Peter 3:15.

1 - "Be r_ady al_ys to give an a_wer to every man that asketh you a reason of the h_pe that is in you with m_kness and fear:"

*Note: This verse makes it clear that God wants us to know why we believe what we believe as Christians. We should be always ready to explain from the Bible our doctrinal beliefs. This will not only help you stand firm on your beliefs, but will also help you to be a more powerful witness to others.

5) How does the Bible say we should study the Word and build our beliefs? -Isaiah 28:9, 10.

1 - "Whom shall he teach know_dge? and whom shall he make to understand do_rine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For pr_cept must be u_n precept, p_cept upon precept; l_ne upon line, line u_n line; here a l_tle, and there a little:"

*Note: When studying the Bible, we should study line upon line -- verse by verse. Do NOT move to the next verse until you understand the verse you are reading. Often times, the meaning of the verse is revealed in the previous or following verses. When metaphoric language is used, you must often cross reference the metaphor using a Strong's Concordance to define what the metaphor represents.



*Note: When building our doctrinal beliefs, we should connect scripture with scripture from different parts of the Bible that pertain to the same subject. The more scriptures that you line up together to support your beliefs, the more assurance you will have in your heart that you have an understanding of Truth. You should never build your doctrines upon a single scripture, for a single scripture can be easily misinterpreted when not supported by other texts.

6) Here's an example of a Biblical Metaphor: What does the Bible say the prophets of Israel made the wall with? -Ezekiel 13:14

1 - "So will I br_k down the w_ll that ye have daubed with unt_pered m_ter, and bring it d_n to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be dis_vered, and it shall f_ll."

*Note: Untempered Mortar in the literal sense is a weak plaster used to cover holes in a wall. The plaster may appear to be strong, but is weak and easily breaks apart.

7) What does the Bible reveal this untempered mortar to be? -Ezekiel 22:28.

1 - "And her prophets have d_bed them with untem_red mo_er, seeing va_ty, and div_ing l_s unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD h_th n_t sp_en."



*Note: The untempered mortar is clearly revealed to be vanity (idolatry), lies and false teaching. The Word is as a strong wall of protection, whereas the untempered mortar is a weak wall that will leave you defenseless from the attacks of the Devil.

8) What does the Bible say about building upon the rock and the sand? -Luke 6:46-49

1 - "Whosoever cometh to me, and h_reth my s_yings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which b_llt an h_se, and digged d_p, and laid the foundation on a r_k: and when the f_od arose, the stream b_tt vehemently upon that house, and could not s_ke it: for it was founded upon a_ck."

2 - "He that h_reth, and d_th not, is like a man that without a fou_ion built an house upon the_rth; against which the stream did beat ve_emently, and im_iately it fell; and the ruin of that house was g_at."

*Note: Jesus tells us to build our house (symbolic of our life and character) upon the Rock. 1 Corinthians 10:4 tells us that the "Rock was Christ." Not only must we build our life upon the knowledge and Truth of Christ, but also on the power of Christ, for without Jesus, we can do NOTHING! (See John 15:5) The wind and streams are symbolic of the temptations and trials of life. When we have a deep foundation in Christ, the storms of life will NOT cause us to yield to temptation, nor will.....

