

Foundation Truths (Part 2)

Hebrews 5:12-14 (NIV)

- (12) In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!
- (13) Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.
- (14) But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

The author of Hebrews found the people to be immature because of a lack of disciplined study. Instead of being able to teach others, they needed to have someone teach them the first principles of Christian living again. They had never been properly taught, planted or given a solid foundation.

Hebrews 6:1-2 (NIV)

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Here the author actually tells us what the first principles (primary foundations) are, the reasons why we need them, and the consequences of not having them in our lives.

Christian Foundation Stones – Part 2

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What are the foundations in our key scripture?

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Neglecting vs. Cultivating Spiritual Foundations

Matthew 7:21-23 (NIV)

- (21) "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
- (22) Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?'
- (23) Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

What does Jesus call those who are not submitted to His Lordship and commands?

Luke 6:46 (NIV)

- (46) "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

Can one hear and not do?

Luke 6:47 (NIV)

- (47) As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like.

Who is commended?

Luke 6:48a (NIV)

- (48) They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.

What are the people who hear and do God's Word like?

Luke 6:49a (NIV)

(49) But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

What are people who hear and do NOT do God's Word like?
What happens to a house without a foundation?

Ask

How have your foundations been tested in the past?
How do you feel you did during that testing time?

Application

How do you think you can better stand the storms of life?
What did you learn today that you feel will help you to build a stronger foundation?

Prayer Model

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your Word, which helps me face life's many challenges. Help me to grow in maturity so that I can then help others.

Key Verse

Matthew 7:24

"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock."