



Hearing 7

Purpose of the Elders Discipleship Group: To Train and Equip Discipleship Group leaders to lead more effectively.

Key Theme: Hearing.

Key Truth: Spiritual Hearing + Empowered Action = Divine Outcome.

Matthew 7:24-25 *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock."*

What words is Jesus referring to here which we must hear and act upon? It's not the words about being compared to a man who built his house on the rock, but the words that come before these. The words He is referring to is from verses 15-23. These are the words we must hear in the Spirit and come to understand in the Spirit, so we act upon them and do what He is telling us to do. We will only have a house that can stand in times of tribulation, trials and pressure, if our house, our lives are built on the Rock and we are heeding the words of the Rock.

It's one thing to say our lives are being built on the Rock but it's another thing entirely to actually be having our lives built on the Rock. Only those who are being built by Jesus and on the foundation of Jesus will be able to demonstrate the life of Jesus.

Let's look at these words verse by verse as a group and pull apart what Jesus is saying here. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you to other passages that relate to these verses. Ask questions of each verse and be open to hear what is being taught by Jesus.

Example: What is the Will of God as it is a deal breaker to entering the kingdom of heaven?

Make sure you keep in mind that the person who hears these words (v 15-23) and acts upon them is like the man who built his house on the Rock, so when the storms came his house stood strong.

Matthew 7:15-23 *"Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, you will know them by their fruits. 'Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'"*

Action point: What is one thing you may need to put in place from going through this resource?