**On What are You Building Your Life?**

**Introduction**

1. Wisdom is principle, Proverbs 4:1-9

* Some think wisdom can only be attained through trial and error.
* Wisdom is attained through heeding doctrine and instruction.

1. Two choices, James 3:13-18

* Heavenly wisdom and earthly wisdom come from two different schools of thought.
* Heavenly – Spiritual; Earthly – Carnal
  + Only one is truly beneficial.

1. Matthew 7:24-27: A contrast between wisdom and foolishness that applies to us all.

* Why was the man who built his house on the rock considered wise?
  + What is the context?
* Jesus after finishing Sermon on the Mount.
  + Wise man heard Him and obeyed.
  + Foolish man heard Him and disobeyed.
* If we choose to build our house (i.e. life) on anything other than Christ’s doctrine we are sure to fail.

1. THE FOOLISH MAN: BUILDING ON SAND
2. Rebellion

* 1 Samuel 15:1-3, 9, 15, 22-23
  + Saul was given a direct command.
  + He thought sparing Agag and the animals would please God. It must have seemed like a good idea to him.
  + God would rather him obey than receive sacrifices that were not commanded.
  + We question God’s commands sometimes. We think we know better.
    - *Why would God care about that?*
    - *Why wouldn’t He like it this way better?*
  + It is better to just obey Him.
* Galatians 1:6-7
  + A foolish man considers another gospel after the one that has been verified appears to him.

*Any sin is rebellion. Even sins of ignorance. 🡪 Leviticus 5:17*

1. Ignorance

* Ephesians 5:17-21
  + Understanding what the will of the Lord is comes from being filled with the Spirit.
  + Parallel passage – *Colossians 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”*
* Matthew 22:23-33
  + Sadducees thought they found a contradiction. In reality they were just ignorant!
* Hosea 4:6; Romans 10:1-4
  + Israel has had a problem with ignorance during the old covenant, and after with regard to the new covenant.

1. Apathy

* Matthew 24:45-51
  + We must care enough to do the Master’s will even when His coming seems delayed.
* Galatians 6:9
  + God has not forgotten us. He isn’t slack concerning either of His promises (salvation/everlasting fire).
* John 4:24; 1 Corinthians 14:15
  + Knowledge isn’t enough. We must also have spirit! Zeal! Desire! Care!

1. Feelings

* Proverbs 28:26; 14:12
  + Just because it feels right doesn’t mean it is.
  + When did you know you were saved? – It just felt right in my heart.
    - You know when you are saved when you do what God said.
* James 1:19-20; Acts 26:9-11; 23:1; 1 Timothy 1:12-13.
  + Acting on feelings, whether positive or negative, is never a good idea.
  + Paul acted on his own wrath. It wasn’t the wrath of God. It was not righteous indignation. He just thought it was.
* We must look at things objectively!

1. THE WISE MAN: BUILDING ON ROCK

* The Rock of Obedience (1 John 5:1-4).
  + Hear Christ’s words (Romans 10:17).
  + Do Christ’s words (Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:9).

**Conclusion**

The wise/righteous will stand firm, but the ungodly/foolish will be driven away, Psalm 1.