

## Spiritual How-to's

### The Last Two Warnings - Two kinds of disciples & Two foundations

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**INTRO.** Today we conclude our study from the Beatitudes

**Those beatitudes conclude with 4 warnings & 4 choices.**

Last week we looked at the first 2 warnings and choices:

- 2 gates & roads
- 2 kinds of prophets

**In this lesson, we will look at the haunting, last 2 warnings:**

- **2 kinds of disciples &**
- **2 foundations**

**But first, because this is called Spiritual How to's** – if you have questions or topics you'd like me to consider addressing, please email me, or leave a message on YouTube, or Under Debra's Palm.

**I. The Sermon on the Mount concludes with Jesus warning us about 2 kinds of disciples.**

Matthew 7:21-23 **These verses have always concerned me. They are powerful, fearful and confusing verses.** Let's look at them –

A. We have a scenario here, **where Jesus is describing disciples, 2 kinds-**

1. Those who **say the right things**, even claiming His Lordship.
2. And they're **doing remarkable things** for His kingdom.
  - a. they **prophesied** in His name – they spoke God's message, foretold the future and walked in the office of a prophet
  - b. they **evicted demonic spirits** from people
  - c. they **performed miracles**, built churches and even wrote books for Him

B. **This disciple is seemingly doing all the right things.** Geesh, I aspire to prophesy, evict demons, perform miracles. Geesh, I even want to write a book. I believe every follower of Jesus should aspire to such things, Jesus told us to, after all.

C. **So why did Jesus tell disciple** "Leave me, You missed the boat. Your works don't impress me. What I really wanted was you, not what you could do for me. I wanted you to know me intimately and I wanted you to let me into your life, intimately. For real. Not for show."

1. **OUCH! That is what has scared me - doing things for Jesus and not knowing Him, personally, secretly, intimately.**
2. It is mindboggling and confusing that they were still disciples, and empowered to do those things like prophesy, cast out demons and do miracles.
3. Yet, they were cast away from Him in the end and called lawbreakers
4. **They were illegal disciples because they were working for Him without really knowing Him, not working with Him.**

D. An illegal disciple is one who whose spiritual life and daily life are not one.

1. They say things about Jesus but don't really mean it.

2. "Speak like angels but live like devils."

**E. These people had impressive spiritual accomplishments without a connection with Jesus! How sad and scary.**

1. Miracles prove nothing

2. Knowing Jesus and being known by Him is our connection to Him.

3. We are secure when we are connected to Jesus. Attached to the vine, as John 15 says.

F. This warning is to evaluate whether we are an illegal disciple, doing things for God without a daily connection to Him, or a disciple who is fully known by Jesus and pressing in to knowing Him deeper.

**II. The final of the 4 warnings, is about 2 foundations.** It's found in Matthew 7:24-27

**A. A familiar story, it is of a wise man who builds his life on a rock, and a foolish man who builds his life on the sand.**

**B. The houses look the same** from the outside with the exception of their locale.  
One on sand, one on Rock

**C. Then the storms come.**

1. The storms rain on both. Heavenly storms.

2. The floods came on both. Earthly storms.

3. The winds blew on both. Spiritual forces.

4. The storms of life reveal the foundation

Storms are coming in 2023!

**D. The wise builder is the one who incorporates these lessons into their life.**  
**Their spiritual life and their daily life are one.**

**E. The stupid builder is the one who listens to bible studies but does nothing to work them into his or her life**

**F. Jesus' teachings, are not incidental to additions to our life. They are foundational words. Words to build our life on.**

1. **And wise is the one who does.** For their life will be strong through all that comes upon them, because they are anchored on the rock – Jesus.

2. **Foolish is the one who hears Jesus' teachings and does not do them.** Their life will unravel and fall apart when the storms of life come.

**G. Doing the Word provides a secure foundation** – not just hearing it.

**H. This final warning asks which builder you are.** A wise one, who builds your life on the Word, or a foolish one, who hears but doesn't act on what you hear?

**III. Let me leave you with Jesus' 4 warnings again,** as we close out this series and this year.

A. Wide gate or narrow gate, false teachers or true teachers, known by Him or illegal disciple, wise builder or stupid builder?

B. 2 kinds of disciples & 2 foundations

C. Let's do some self-evaluation and spiritual work and get things aligned with God's Way for 2023. We have choices to make.

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