



STARTING POINT: DAY SIX

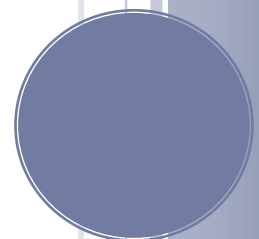
BUILDING YOUR HOUSE

Luke 6:46-49

Each day of this seven day Devotional Study we will read a specific passage three times with the intent to get the most out of it. We will ask questions and learn from the passage and finally apply the lessons learned personally to our own lives.

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Luke 6:46-49

1ST READING: LEARN. SIMPLY FAMILIARIZING YOURSELF WITH THIS PASSAGE.

2ND READING: IMPRESS. NOTICE WHAT WORD OR PHRASE JUMPS OUT AT YOU OR MAKES THE BIGGEST IMPRESSION.

Luke 6:46-49 English Standard Version (ESV)

Build Your House on the Rock

⁴⁶ "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"

⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.^[a] ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

DEVOTIONAL: BUILDING YOUR HOUSE

This time you will create your own devotional. That is the way God has always intended for us to read His word. Ask yourself the right questions about this passage. I have already given you the obvious main topic so you can stay focused: What happens when we turn to the Lord.

Study the passage - looking at the highlighted words which I have grouped by color for you, because they are related to each other in some way. (I will help you)

Things to notice:

1. Who is speaking and about what?

Jesus is God. Every single word is important. He is revealing to us what he expects.

Ask Questions:

Who is approved by Jesus? (vs 47a)

What does this approved person do?

What does the unapproved person do?

Did you notice that the approved person actually COMES to Jesus and that the other only hears and does not do?

What is meant by Jesus when He says "Comes to me"?

2. What do the two Houses represent?

Notice that Jesus uses two different tenses of the verb *build* when he refers to each house. One is a work in progress (Building), the other is already completed (Built). Why is this important?

So ask that question, What does Jesus want us to know?

He tells us " I will show you what a man is like"

1. Like a man *Building* a House (Describe this man from the text)
2. Like a man who *Built* a House (Describe this man from the text)

3. What Does the Flood Represent?

Did you notice that he spoke about a *flood* with one house, and spoke of a *stream* with the other? What's the difference?

What is Jesus trying to tell us here?

4. What Does the Foundation Represent?

Building with or without a foundation is a strange thing to talk about. One makes perfect sense, the other is very foolish. No one builds a house without a foundation... or do they?

Jesus is the foundation since it is his words that were followed by one and ignored by the other.

The two houses represents two very different people.

Notice that...

- Even an unfinished house rooted in Jesus can withstand the flood.
- But a finished house not rooted in Jesus will fall, every time.

3RD AND FINAL READING: LIVE. READ THIS PASSAGE ONE FINAL TIME.

This time, focus on reading this for yourself. It's time to apply what you have learned and consider what Jesus wants you to do about it.

APPLY WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED

"Everyone who **comes** to me and **hears** my words and **does** them"

ARE YOU ACTIVELY BUILDING ?

Do you come to Jesus, regularly?

Are you Hearing and DOING, regularly, what Jesus says?

What will happen if you don't build regularly? (could it mean that you are not building on a foundation?)