

January 4, 2009  
Week 16

**A Hybrid of Knowing and Doing**  
**The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders**  
Matthew 7:24-27

**The one who hears and does**

Like a wise man  
Building on a rock  
The rain comes  
The streams rise  
The winds blow  
The storm beats  
The house does not fall  
The solid foundation

**The one who hears but does not do**

Like a foolish man  
Building on sand  
The rain comes  
The streams rise  
The winds blow  
The storms beat  
The house falls  
It *really* falls

**The importance of knowing**

*"I never knew you,"* says Jesus (Matthew 7:23)

*"Whoever believes in him will have everlasting life."*  
(John 3:16)

*"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life."* (John 3:36)

*"... by believing you may have life."* (John 20:31)

*"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved."* (Romans 10:9)

### **The importance of doing**

*“Whoever loves me, he will obey my teaching.”* John 14:23)

*“This is love for God: to obey his commands.”* (1 John 5:3)

*“Do not merely listen to the word ... Do what it says.”* (James 1:22)

*“Show me your faith without deeds and I will show you my faith by what I do.”* (James 2:18)

*“You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder.”* (James 2:19)

### **What and how?**

Confess and believe

Clothe yourself with Christ

(Romans 13:14, Colossians 3:12, 1 Peter 5:5)

Walk in the Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19, 2 Corinthians 3:6, Galatians 5:16, 5:22, 5:23, Ephesians 5:18)

Know and use your spiritual gifts

(1 Corinthians 12-14, Ephesians 4:11-13)

Do it all in the name of Christ

(Colossians 3:17, 1 Corinthians 10:31)

Seek first God’s kingdom and righteousness (Matthew 6:33)