

# Weekly Devotional August 21

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## Obedience

*24] "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. 25] The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. 26] And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27] The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell--and great was its fall!"*  
Matthew 7: 24-27

**REFLECT:** Enjoy this wonderful passage. Ask God for new insights. What do you learn about the Christian life and ministry?

As you carefully read this famous passage, what is the key difference you observe between the wise man and the foolish man?

List some of the situations today in which groups of people "hear" the words of Jesus.

Do you think the difference between the wise and foolish today is any different than when Jesus first spoke these words?

**RESPOND:** How will you apply this text to your life and ministry?

What can you and your ministry team do to ensure that you are hearers and doers of the Word and not merely those who discuss and do not do?

**REQUEST:** Jot down prayer requests that you and others may have.