
The authority of Jesus over your life.

*Matthew 7:28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching,
²⁹for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.*

John 7:16 So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me..."

John 7:17 "...if any man's will is to do his will, he shall know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority."

*Proverbs 2:1 My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you,
²making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;
³yes, if you cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,
⁴if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures;
⁵then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.*

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Life Paths—pt 4

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■ Is it enough to say the right things? ■

Two catastrophic "counterfeits" to real Christian faith.

- * Just a verbal profession of the faith.
- * Just an intellectual knowledge about the faith.

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■ The necessity of doing His will. ■

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Matthew 7:23 "And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers.'"

Building a foundation on rock.

Matthew 7:24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; 25... and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock."

Matthew 7:26 "And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand; 27...and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it."

Luke 6:48 ... he is like a man building a house, who dug deep, and laid the foundation upon rock; and when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house, and could not shake it, because it had been well built.

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James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who observes his natural face in a mirror;

²⁴ for he observes himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing.

Ezekiel 33:30 "As for you, son of man, your people who talk together about you by the walls and at the doors of the houses, say to one another, each to his brother, 'Come, and hear what the word is that comes forth from the LORD.'

³¹ And they come to you as people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear what you say but they will not do it; for with their lips they show much love, but their heart is set on their gain.

³² And, lo, you are to them like one who sings love songs with a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument, for they hear what you say, but they will not do it.
