

*I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete." Luke 6:47-49 (NIV)*

## **Building Your Life**

**How are you building your life? What is your foundation? What materials are you using to construct your life?** I'm not sure how to answer those questions. **Why is that?** If the construction of my life depends on me, I am in trouble. **How so?** I am unqualified to build my own life. I have made so many mistakes. I have taken so many missteps. I have wandered from one thing to another. I have wasted time. I have squandered effort. I have misused the gifts, talents and abilities that you have given to me. I been unwise. I need your wisdom. I need you to build my life. I need your guidance. I need your instruction. I desperately need your help. **There is nothing unwise about you admitting that you need my help.**

**Now that you have admitted that you need my help in building your life what are you going to do about it?** I will do two things. First, I will continually rely on your help in building my life. I will trust that you will hear and answer my prayer. I will not rely on my own understanding. I will not simply go and do what seems right to me. That approach has gotten me into nothing but trouble. I will keep on asking for your wisdom. I will continue to listen to your instruction. I will on following your guidance. I will simply stop and wait and listen to all that you have to say to me. I will not move forward without your help. **That will be very good.**

**Where will you find my wisdom and instruction and guidance? How will you receive what I have to say to you?** I will meet with you in your word. **When and where and how will you meet with me in my word?** I will meet with you daily in your word. **Why is that?** There is not a day that will go by that I don't need to hear from you. Just as I need to eat food daily, so do I also need to feed on your word. Your word will feed and sustain my life. **Yes, it will. Where will you meet with me in my word?** I will set aside a special place to meet with you in your word so I can attentively listen attentively to all that you say to me. I will also carry your word with me throughout the day. I will meditate on your word day and night. I will allow your word to change my heart, transform my mind and guide my life.

**What will you do with my word?** I will not simply hear your word. I will not be a hearer only. That would be of no value to me. I will put your word into practice every day as I love, follow and serve you. **In that way you will be building your life on the foundation of my word.** Yes, I will. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, I have allowed shaky materials to be the foundation of my life. These will not help me to withstand the storms of life. Give me a new life foundation that is built on your word. Help me to hear your word and put it into practice. Amen*



# Puts Them Into Practice

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Spiritual Warfare** – Luke 6:47-48

**In Context:** *Read Luke 6*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God’s Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**What construction materials are being used to build and shape the person you are becoming?**

How valuable is it for you to let God’s word be the foundation on which your life is built?

**When do you set aside a time and place to meet with God so that can hear His word?**

How are you making sure that God’s word is being put into practice in your life on a daily basis?

What would you consider to be of higher priority than prayerfully meeting with God in His word?

How has God changed your heart and transformed your mind and changed the course of your life by His word?

**How has God’s word been a rock like foundation that has helped you to withstand the storms of life?**

**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Carve out a time and set aside a special place to meet with God in His word on a daily basis.

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that there is nothing more valuable or important than meeting with God in His word.

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how God’s word is the foundation on which your life is being built.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you meet with God in His word so you can know and do His will.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will meet with you in your word so I can know and do your will.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I know and do your will today?*

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