

Week 12: Put Wisdom into Practice

Read Matthew 7:24-29.

Our Intentions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are two people mentioned in the passage. What do both of them want to do?• What was the intention of the wise builder?• What was the intention of the foolish builder?• What was the difference between them?• <i>Your intentions can be entirely well meaning, but you have to pursue wisdom in the pursuit of your intentions!</i>
God's Idea	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What does God want us to?• What is the result of doing that?• What happens if we don't?• Read Proverbs 10:25.• Read Psalm 5:11-12.• What does God promise for those who are righteous?• Read James 1:22-25. How does this relate to our passage in Matthew?
Social Media's Influence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How does this passage apply to our social media usage?• What could happen if you sought God in every part of your life including your social media?
Kingdom Intersection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>When you are building the kingdom of God rather than constructing your own kingdom, there is stability!</i>• Read John 16:33. How does Jesus offer us stability in the midst of the storm?• Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. How are we able to be the righteousness of God?• Read Ephesians 2:19-22.• In verse 19, what does it mean that you are fellow citizens and members of God's household?• What is the significance of Jesus being the chief cornerstone? (verse 20)• How are you a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit? (verse 22)• Read John 14:15-21.• What do these verses tell us about the Holy Spirit?• Read Hebrews 12:28-29. What do we know about the Kingdom of God?• <i>From the Tower of Babel in Genesis to our New Testament text, we see the redemption of God building his kingdom through us. We no longer need to build a tower to reach God, because he is actually dwelling within us!</i>
Implications for Us	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How have you seen your heart change since you began this study?• What does it look like for us to put the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount into practice?• How can we ask the Holy Spirit to help us?• How do we encourage those around us as it relates to social media and the heart behind it?

Heart of the Matter: *When we can know the righteousness of Christ and be united with the Father, we can put wisdom into practice by the power of the Holy Spirit. God wants a relationship with you! He wants it to change every part of your life for your good and his glory.*