

## **YPG III**

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Theme: Discipleship

Text: 1 Corinthians 3: 10 – 11, Matthew 7: 24 – 27

Title: "Laying Foundations"

### **THE NEED FOR A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR LIFE AND MINISTRY**

1. The storms of life will come
  - a. Personal challenges
  - b. Family challenges
  - c. Doctrinal challenges
  - d. Worldly temptations and influences
2. Consequences of a poor foundation
  - a. Collapse and ruin
  - b. The need to rebuild

### **CHRIST OUR FOUNDATION**

No other foundation except Jesus Christ (cf. 1 Corinthians 3: 11)

1. The teachings of the Lord Jesus
2. The life of the Lord Jesus
3. A living relationship with the Lord Jesus

### **CHOOSE TO LAY YOUR FOUNDATIONS WELL**

Matthew 7: 24 – 27

1. Builder of the house
  - a. One is wise
  - b. The other is foolish
2. Both houses may look good on the outside
  - a. One house built on the rock

- b. The other house built on the sand
- 3. But the tests will reveal the true foundation of the house
  - a. The rain descended
  - b. The floods came
  - c. The winds blew and beat on that house
- 4. Outcome
  - a. One did not fall
  - b. The other fell...and great was its fall

#### **HOW WE MAY LAY OUR FOUNDATIONS**

- 1. Several aspects of our foundation to lay down
  - a. Knowledge of Christ
  - b. Faith in Christ
  - c. Character of Christ
  - d. Relationship with God
- 2. It takes wisdom to lay foundations well
  - a. Thoughtfully
  - b. Carefully
  - c. Specifically
    - i. Hearing
    - ii. Doing