

Empowering People to Change the World

Unshakable

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The Road Declaration. Everyone stand, hold up your Bible, and <u>shout</u> it out:

God can move mountains in my life
I am building up my faith with God's Holy Word
I am coming alive in the power of the Holy Spirit
With Jesus, all things are possible

Jesus is summing up everything He's said with another powerful illustration or metaphor for living life victoriously

Look at Matthew 7:24-27

Ex. I have been in some 3rd World countries after a storm. We lived in Okinawa after a devastating typhoon and you could see what kind of foundations these homes were built on immediately by what was left after the typhoon. Some were just leveled but others looked like there had not even been a storm

Storms and Typhoons of Life reveal the Foundations of the House you have Built

- Rains will come to our lives
- Storms will come to our lives
- Circumstances will be difficult in our lives
- But if we build our lives on the Rock, the unshakable kingdom and the unchanging person, we can remain strong
- We have a kingdom that can't be shaken—unshakable

7:1-6

New Axiom for an Unshakable Foundation: Stay Focused on your own Life and Quit judging everyone else!

- To build an Unshakable Life we must be focused! Focus is the key to faith
- Staying focused on your OWN life, and not others
- If you want to live an unshakable life, you don't have time to judge how others are living their lives!
- One of the best reasons not to judge is because what goes around, eventually comes around. The very people you judge will be judging you!
 - O Who here likes to feel judged?
 - o Who here likes to be judged?
 - O Who here enjoys being critiqued?
- That's my point! If we could spent less time judging and more time focusing, we could change the world

Vs. 6

New Axiom for an Unshakable Foundation: When you give your Opinion, most People don't want to Hear it Anyway!

Vs. 7-12

New Axiom for an Unshakable Foundation: Persistence Wins the Day!

- When we break out of judgement, we can now focus on getting it right with our own lives, our own marriages, our own church
- Focus, faith, and persistence! If God is calling you to do something to believe Him for something, then ask, seek, knock
- Jesus seems to really like persistent people who pester Him for what they want
 - Luke 11 friend comes to another friend at midnight, and continually asked for food for his other friend. At first he says

"Don't trouble me..." the passages says "but <u>because of his</u> <u>persistence</u> he will rise and give him as many as he needs. Ask...seek...knock"

- Luke 18 a certain judge and a widow who cries out for justice, it says, "because she cries out day and night, he will avenge her"
- Ephesians 6:18 "Pray with unceasing prayer and entreaty on every fitting occasion in the Spirit, and be always on the alert to seize opportunities for doing so, with unwearied persistence"

Vs. 13-14

New Axiom for an Unshakable Foundation: Life is Hard!

- Life is not easy anyway, but when you choose the narrow way of Jesus, it can be even more challenging
- We battle on 3 fronts: Satan, Flesh, and the World
- The easy way is wide, large, and many follow that. The harder way is the Kingdom way—which is largely true in anything

Vs. 15-23

New Axiom for an Unshakable Foundation: Inspect the Fruit

 Ultimately this is how you know whose truly in the fold. Look at their fruit

vs. 24-29

New Axiom for an Unshakable Foundation: Build on the Rock

- Hearing is not good enough. Doing the right thing is what matters!
- We build on the Rock by the Hearing & Doing Dance!