

Rock or Sand?

Most people are careful about where they build their houses, but many are careless about where they build their lives. Those people seem to be building “castles in the sand,” rather than building on Jesus, “the Solid Rock.” Jesus’ parable of the wise man and the foolish man helps us to see that building for “eternal life” is even more important than a house here on earth. You must choose the right “foundation” and the proper “building material” to make sure your “house” will withstand the “storms of life.” Discuss the following questions with some of your classmates and then write your answers on the lines provided.

The following words are from Jesus’ parable in Matthew 7:24-29. What do you think each word symbolizes?

- Rock: _____
- Sand: _____
- House: _____
- Rain: _____
- Floods: _____
- Winds: _____

In 1 Corinthians 3:12 Paul listed the following building materials. What kinds of “works” do you think each of these materials represent?

- Gold: _____
- Silver: _____
- Precious Stones: _____
- Wood: _____
- Hay: _____
- Stubble: _____

Which ones will be burned up (won’t really count) when the rewards are passed out? What things will count?

Where are you building your house? Check the correct boxes below.

- I’m building on Jesus, the Solid Rock!
- I’m building on Self, a sandy foundation!
- I would like to start building my house on Jesus, the Solid Rock!
- I need some help in building my house on the right foundation!

*Some Answers: Rock - a solid foundation, immovable -- Jesus
Sand - low ground, not much work required, movable, vulnerable -- Self
House - Individual life
Elements of a Storm: Rain, Floods, Winds = confusion, tension, peer pressure, broken homes, death, etc.*

Using the graph below, show how getting saved and *building your life upon the Rock* will take you through life's storms to Heaven. Show two possible ends for a person who *builds on the sand* and does not receive salvation. Be creative!

