

Building a Secure Life Matthew 7:21-29

An eternally secure life is founded on God's Word.

Footings for a secure life:

1. Listening to God's words!

Everyone who hears these words of mine...

📖 **Listening is an i.d. mark of those following Jesus.**

John 8:31-32; 10:3-4;

📖 **Feeding on God's Word is essential for life.**

Matthew 4:4 & John 4:34

📖 **Marginalizing God's Word jeopardizes our future.**

Isaiah 30:9-15

Apply: How does the Word secure my life?

- It brings us to faith. Rom. 10:9-17
- It sets us free. John 8:31-32; James 1:25; 2 Tim. 2:25-26
- It sets us apart. John 17:17
- It transforms our lives. Rom. 12:2; 1 Th. 2:13

2. Obeying God's Word.

...and puts them into practice..."

📖 **Life is secured by God-directed action.**

hears → puts into practice → on the rock...did not fall

📖 1 Jn. 1:6, 2:4; Luke 6:46ff.; James 1:22ff.

📖 **Life is destroyed without active obedience!**

hears → doesn't act upon → on sand...fell

James 2:14ff;

Apply: What happens when I don't listen?

3. Standing upon God's Word.

It did not fall.

📖 **Life's blows will come.** (Ask Job)

📖 **Obeying prepares us and secures us –**

it does not exempt us. James 1:2-8

Apply: Am I ready to stand?

Challenge: Discipleship check points

- ✓ Do I listen to obey? John 8:31-32, 15:7-8
- ✓ Do I love with action? John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:16-18
- ✓ Am I building an eternal empire? Matt. 6:24; Luke 14:33