



# Life Lessons from the Parables of Jesus

“Count the Cost”

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## Luke 14:28-30

<sup>28</sup> “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish’”



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## Matthew 7:24-27

### The Wise and Foolish Builders

<sup>24</sup> “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”



# The Gospel presents this message in two forms:

- ▶ In Matthew there is a comparison between a wise man who built on “the rock” and the foolish man who built on “sand”.
- ▶ In Luke the issue is foundation versus no foundation.



# Key to understanding this parable

- ▶ The foundation on the rock is the person and the words of Jesus Christ.
- ▶ The listener/reader is called to hear and do those words. And by so doing to build on the foundation.
- ▶ Faith in Jesus Christ does not promise that there will be no storms in life. Jesus said “In this life/ world you will have tribulation - but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. “By building our spiritual house on the person and the words of Christ, we are building on a firm foundation that will withstand the storms of life.



# APPLICATION TO OUR LIVES

## Count the Cost:

- ▶ When considering your life path... What will be the costs for your decision...
- ▶ When considering whether to take a job or quit a job...
- ▶ Developing your household budget - Are you living beyond your means...
- ▶ When making purchases whether large or small... Can you afford it?
- ▶ When it comes to your health...are you living a healthy lifestyle...
- ▶ When purchasing a car...
- ▶ When purchasing a house - house poor?
- ▶ When using a credit card...



# APPLICATION TO OUR LIVES

## Count the Cost, cont.:

- ▶ Have you considered living debt free
- ▶ Have you counted the cost of not accepting Jesus as your savior?
- ▶ Have you counted the cost of choosing death over eternal life?
- ▶ Have you counted the cost of continuing to living the life your living right now?

