

How Do I Build My Life on the Word of God?

(Matthew 7:24-25 MSG) "These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. (25) Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit--but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.

1. I must **accept** its authority.

This has to do with your attitude towards God's Word.

There are some things we just have to accept it by faith!

(1 Thessalonians 2:13 NIV) And we also thank God continually because, when you ***received*** (welcomed like a stranger) the word of God, which you heard from us, you ***accepted*** it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed ***at work*** in you ***who believe***.

2. I must **assimilate** its truths.

You must work it into every area of your life.

- ✓ By **listening** to God's Word.

(Romans 10:17 NKJV) So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

(Luke 8:18 NIV) "Therefore ***consider carefully*** how you listen..."

- ✓ By **reading** God's Word.

(Matthew 4:4 NIV) Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

- **Get a Bible you understand.**
- **Make an appointment to read your Bible.**
- **Have a reading plan.**

✓ By **exploring** God's Word.

(Psalms 119:11 NIV) I have hidden ***(stored up)*** your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

3. I must **apply** its principles.

(James 1:22 NIV) Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. ***Do what it says.***