

Be doers of the word and not hearers only!

Why are people who claim to know Jesus sinking in spiritual sand?

Living as "doers of the Word" is essential for a strong and unshakeable foundation in our faith. The scriptures provided beautifully illustrate why some Christians may find themselves sinking into spiritual sand despite their knowledge of Jesus.

Key Insights:

- 1. Jesus as the Foundation:** **1 Corinthians 3:10-15** emphasizes that Jesus Christ is the only true foundation. However, the strength of what is built upon this foundation depends on the quality of our works and obedience to God's Word. Without acting upon His teachings, our spiritual structure becomes vulnerable.
- 2. The Importance of Doing:** **Matthew 7:24-27** contrasts the outcomes of those who hear and do the Word with those who hear and do not act upon it. The wise build their house on the rock by practicing what they have heard, ensuring stability and resilience. In contrast, the foolish, who do not act, face great ruin.
- 3. Consistency in Obedience:** Believers may apply God's Word **selectively**, leading to spiritual instability. For example, success at work but neglect at home (**1 Peter 3:7**), or harmony in marriage but estrangement from parents (**Hebrews 12:15**), highlights the inconsistency that can cause one to sink into spiritual sand.
- 4. Avoiding Self-Deception:** **James 1:22** warns against self-deception through merely listening to the Word without acting on it. **Proverbs 19:3** and **Deuteronomy 29:18-19** further emphasize the dangers of blaming God for our misfortunes when they stem from our own disobedience and stubbornness.
- 5. Sweet and Bitter Fruit:** **John 15:8** and **Deuteronomy 29:18** illustrate the need for our spiritual fruit to be sweet and satisfying, avoiding the bitterness that comes from a stubborn heart. Obedience to God's Word ensures we bear much fruit, glorifying God and proving ourselves as true disciples.
- 6. Moving Forward:** **Jeremiah 7:24** and **11:8** caution against walking in the stubbornness of our own counsel, which leads us backward. Acting on Jesus' words ensures progress and prevents spiritual stagnation.
- 7. Practicing Surefooted Discipleship:** **Ecclesiastes 11:4** reminds us not to be passive observers but active doers. By sowing and reaping through our actions, we establish a solid foundation in Christ, becoming surefooted disciples who bring glory to God.

Practical Application:

To avoid sinking into spiritual sand, it is crucial to:

- Consistently apply God's Word in every area of life.
- Actively practice what we learn from the scriptures.
- Strive for obedience and eliminate stubbornness from our hearts.
- Bear sweet, satisfying fruit by living a life built on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ.

May our lives be a testimony to our faith, bringing glory to God and demonstrating the stability and strength found only in obedient discipleship. Amen!

Thank you for desiring to learn and honor God!



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