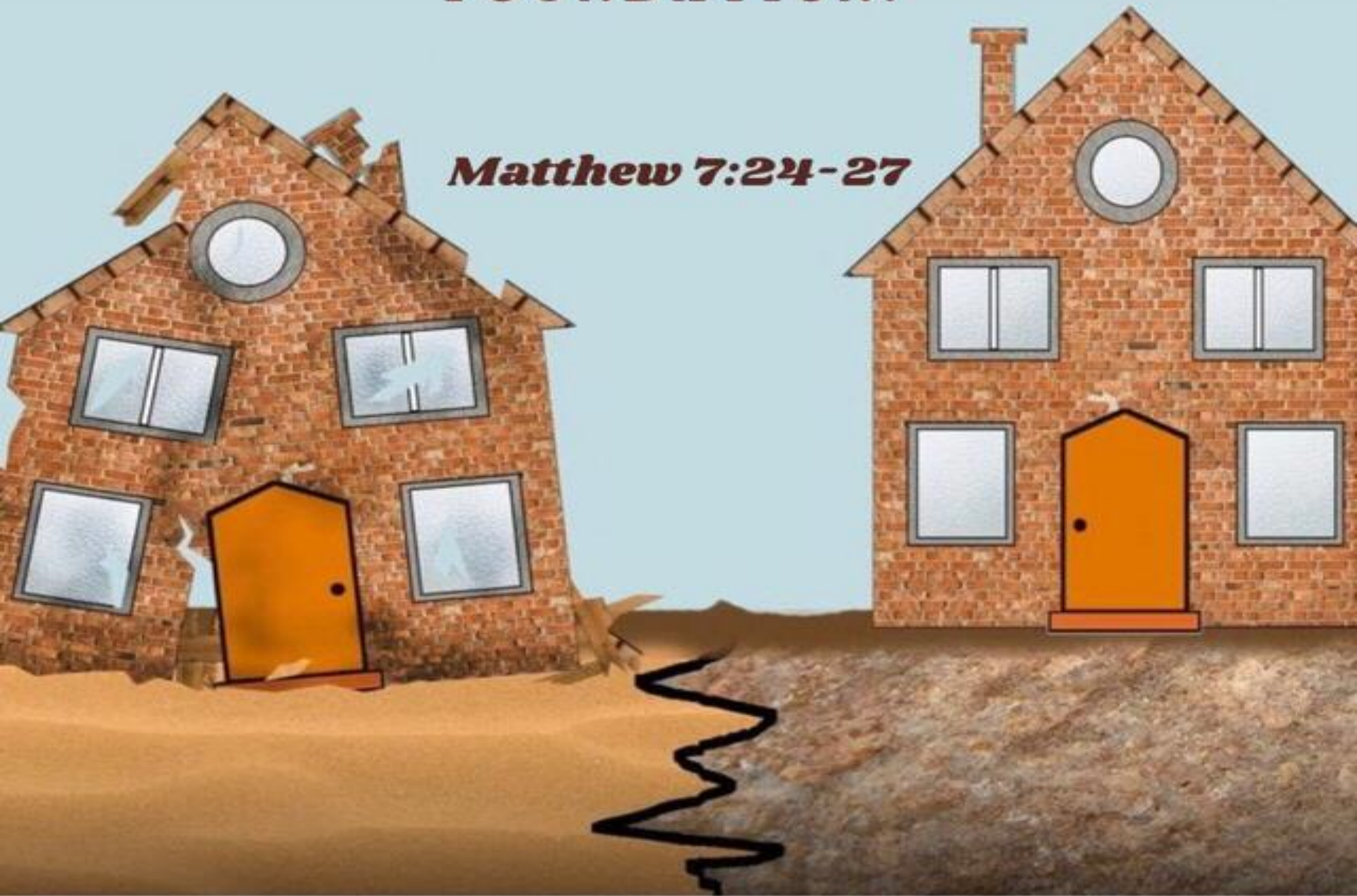


WHAT IS YOUR FOUNDATION?

Matthew 7:24-27



Building Spiritual Homes



Ephesians 6:1-4

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¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: ³ “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” ⁴ And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Training in the Fundamentals

- Rebellion in home is serious matter in God's eyes
 - ♦ *2 Tim. 3:1-4* "Disobedient to parents" among evils
 - ♦ *Rom. 1:28-32* "Disobedient to parents" worthy of death
- Discipline needed for respect & self-discipline
 - ♦ *Lam. 3:27-29* Good to bear yoke in youth
 - ♦ *Prov. 22:15* Rod of correction needed to gain wisdom
- Respect for parents & elders precedes fear of God
 - ♦ *Lev. 19:1-3, 32* Fear of God & parents associated
 - ♦ *Exod. 20:12* Blessing only if honor father & mother
 - ♦ *Eph. 6:1-3* "First commandment with promise"

Scripture Is Center of Training

- Old Testament says much of need to teach word
 - ♦ *Psa. 119:9* Young cleanse the heart by word
 - ♦ *Deut. 4:9-14* Events of word told to stir young hearts
 - ♦ *Deut. 6:6-9* Word on heart of parents first, then taught
 - ♦ *Deut. 11:18-21* Power & might a result of it
 - ♦ *Deut. 31:10-13* Little ones to hear, learn, fear & obey
- Example of Timothy's upbringing shows principle
 - ♦ *2 Tim. 1:5* Unfeigned faith in parents passed to child
 - ♦ *2 Tim. 3:14-15* Scripture taught from babe (*brephos*)
- What kind of training in home produced the lives of...

Spirituality Exemplified in Youth

- Joseph What Training Was He Given in Morality
 - ♦ By 17, it was instilled (*Gen. 37:2; 39:7-12*)
- Samuel What Training Was He Given in Service
 - ♦ Taught & shown from very young age (*1 Sam. 1; 2:1-10*)
- David What Training Was He Given in Courage
 - ♦ Goliath's speech brought David's response (*1 Sam. 17*)
 - ♦ David's courage was in confidence of God's power
- Daniel What Training Was Given in Faithfulness
 - ♦ Maintained life according to law despite all (*Dan. 1 & 6*)
- Moses What Training Was He Given in True Hope
 - ♦ Material surroundings less than God's hope (*Heb. 11:23f*)

Are We Training Our Children to Spirituality?

We Will Give Account To God