

Stories with Intent
Am I Missing the Intent of Jesus' Words?
Matthew 7:24-27

Question: How do I know if I am the real deal or merely a pretender?

I. Context: Growing Popularity (Mt. 4:23-25)

II. Context: A Sermon to Provoke Change (Mt. 5-7)

III. Context: The Weighty Consequences of Being a Pretender (Mt. 7:21-23)

IV. The Story with Intent: Two Builders (Mt. 7:24-27)

Point to Ponder: Which one am I? A wise man who hears and does the words of Jesus, or a foolish man who hears and does not do them? What words will I hear when I stand before him: *"Well done good and faithful servant"* or *"I never knew you."* When we hear the weighty consequences between the two, it is surely worth the time for self-examination. **Let's ask ourselves: what evidence exists of my life being transformed by Jesus? How has His words changed my priorities, convicted me of sin, shaped my loves?**

Next Week:

Next Sunday morning we will begin a new sermon series on the parables entitled *Stories with Intent* by considering Matthew 13:1-23 'Am I Missing My Heart's Response to the Word?'

