

**Matthew 7:24–27 (NKJV)**

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

1. Jesus promises serious difficulties in all of our lives – rain, floods, wind
2. Jesus promises absolute security and success to those who obey his word.

**Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)**

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

3. Jesus promises failure to every person and family that disobeys his word.

**How to build your family to last**

1. Surrender your life and your family to the Lordship of Jesus.
2. Be willing to do the hard and unpopular things God tells you to do.
3. Think about the generational effects of your behavior and plan accordingly.

**Proverbs 13:22 (NKJV)**

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

**Deuteronomy 5:9–10 (NKJV)**

For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

4. Keep your family in committed fellowship in a Bible-preaching and believing church where they can be grounded spiritually, held accountable and build strong relationships.

**Hebrews 10:24–25 (NKJV)**

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.