

# THE DUST OF THE RABBI

## Just Do It!

Matthew 7:24-29

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and **puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. “But everyone who hears these words of mine and **does not put them into practice** is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” (Matthew 7:24–27, NIV)

### Make Scripture the **Authority** of My Life.

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had **authority**... (Matthew 7:28–29, NIV)

For **the word of God** is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to **dividing soul and spirit**, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12, NIV)

**I will accept its authority, because I can trust its author.**

And we also thank God continually because, when you **received** 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**. (1 Thessalonians 2:13, NIV)

### Make Scripture the **Practice** of My Life.

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and **not as their teachers of the law**. (Matthew 7:28–29, NIV)

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and **puts them into practice** is like a wise man... (Matthew 7:24, NIV)

1) **Listen** to it taught.

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

2) **Read** it for yourself.

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

3) **Apply** it to your life.

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

**I will practice its truths, because the value is in the application.**

### Make Scripture the **Foundation** of My Life.

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who **built his house on the rock**.” (Matthew 7:24, NIV)

**Two Questions:**

1) What do I do when I don’t **understand** it?

2) What do I do when I don’t **like** it?

**Two Realities:**

1) Storms are **inevitable**.

The **rain** came down, the **streams** rose, and the **winds** blew and beat against that house... (Matthew 7:25, NIV)

2) The foundation determines the **outcome**.

The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet **it did not fall, because** it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and **it fell with a great crash**.” (Matthew 7:25–27, NIV)

**I will depend on its ways, because its ways are what work!**

**Living in accordance with God’s Word today  
ensures your survival and success  
when the storms of life come tomorrow!**