



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

We call it the Sermon on the Mount. It was the first teachings of Jesus to His disciples while walking on our earth. We read it in Matthew 5-7. What a profound conclusion: ***"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock"*** (Matthew 7:24)

Let's do something to help us get things in focus. What are you building your "house" on? Let's bring things more into focus. What are you building your life on? Do your children/grandchildren see their parents/grandparents as those that are *"poor in spirit"*, *"gentle"*, *"hungering and thirsting for righteousness"*, *"merciful"*, *"pure in heart"* and *"peacemakers"*? (Matthew 5:3-9) What kind of life and attitudes do you portray before your mate? Is anger under control in your life or does anger control you (Matthew 5:21-22)? Do you channel your intimate desires toward and only toward your spouse (Matthew 5:27-28)? Are you honest with your family knowing they can trust your every word (Matthew 5:33-37)? Are you one to be merciful in the faults of others in your home or are you hard, harsh, critical and over-bearing (Matthew 5:38-39)? Do you love and show that 'agape' love, sacrificial love, toward one another in your house and the body of Christ, even in difficulties (Matthew 5:43-48)? Is your house and life showing generosity, looking to help without being told or asked to help (Matthew 6:1-4)? Is your house and life a built-on prayer (Matthew 6:5-13) and forgiveness (Matthew 6:14-15)? Is your spiritual focus evident from not allowing anxieties to over-whelm you (Matthew 6:19-34)? Is your home and life free from hypocrisy or do you act differently around others than you do at home (Matthew 7:1-5)? Do you treat your spouse and children the way you want to be treated (Matthew 7:12)? Are you a person that is set in heart to listening and doing the will of God or do you just pay lip service (Matthew 7:21-23)? In all this, are you building your home and life upon the ROCK? You need to answer each of the questions and examine yourself to see if you are wise or foolish! Think about it!!!

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