

# THE PRACTICE OF CHRISTIANITY

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 7:24-27 NIV

## INTRODUCTION

A GREAT TRUTH ABOUT OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH IS THIS: CHRISTIANITY IS NOT CHRISTIANITY UNLESS IT IS APPLIED TO OUR LIVES IN PRACTICAL TERMS. OUR FAITH MUST BE PUT INTO PRACTICE.

### I. FAILURE TO PRACTICE OUR FAITH WEAKENS OUR FOUNDATION

**MATTHEW 7:26-27 NIV** 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 RAINS CAME DOWN, AND THE STREAMS ROSE, AND THE WINDS BLEW AND BEAT AGAINST THE HOUSE, AND IT FELL WITH A GREAT CRASH.

- A. FAILURE TO LIVE BY GOD'S WORD DESTROYS OUR TESTIMONY
- B. FAILURE TO LIVE BY GOD'S WORD UNDERMINES OUR CREDIBILITY
- C. FAILURE TO LIVE BY GOD'S WORD DESTROYS OUR WITNESS
- D. FAILURE TO LIVE BY GOD'S WORD DEMONSTRATES LACK OF FAITH

### II. FAILURE TO PRACTICE OUR FAITH IS SIN

**JAMES 4:17 NIV** ANYONE, THEN, WHO KNOWS THE GOOD HE OUGHT TO DO AND DOESN'T DO IT, SINS.

**ROMANS 14:23B NIV** ...AND EVERYTHING THAT DOES NOT COME FROM FAITH IS SIN.

- A. OUR GREATEST SINS ARE THOSE OF OMISSION
- B. GOD EXPECTS US TO FOLLOW HIS COMMANDS
  - 1. FAITHFULNESS TO HIS HOUSE
  - 2. FAITHFULNESS IN SERVICE
  - 3. FAITHFULNESS IN GIVING
  - 4. FAITHFULNESS IN WITNESS

- C. GOD EXPECTS US TO PUT OUR FAITH INTO PRACTICE

### III. PRACTICING OUR FAITH BUILDS A STRONG SPIRITUAL LIFE

**MATTHEW 7:24-25 NIV** THEREFORE ANYONE WHO HEARS THESE WORDS OF MINE AND PUTS THEM INTO PRACTICE IS LIKE A WISE MAN WHO BUILDS HIS HOUSE ON THE ROCK. THE RAIN COMES 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.

- A. THE ROCK OF KNOWING WHAT THE WORD SAYS AND DOING IT
- B. THE ROCK OF SEEKING GOD'S WILL AND DOING IT
- C. THE ROCK OF BEING SENSITIVE TO THE SPIRIT AND OBEYING HIM