

Building Your Life on Solid Rock Part 2 Be Bright

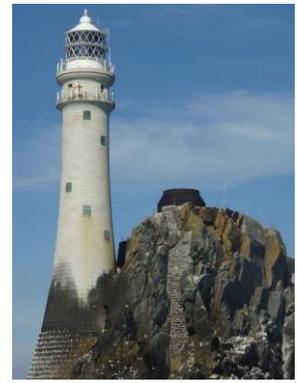
²⁴ "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on **solid rock**.

Matthew 7 [final summary sermon on the mount]

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, I let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:14-16



Salt is absorbed inward---**character** Light is shown outward---**testimony**
The World needs both see us living Godly and sharing Christ

Who? You who? US!

So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. ²¹ Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. ²² It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom.

²³ So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense. ²⁴ But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength. I Corinthians 1:20-25

World thinks it is enlightened but its darker than ever!

"So the final conclusion would surely be that whereas other civilizations have been brought down by attacks of barbarians from without, ours had the unique distinction of training its own destroyers at its own educational institutions, and then providing them with facilities for propagating their destructive ideology far and wide, all at the public expense. Thus did Western Man decide to abolish himself, creating his own boredom out of his own affluence, his own vulnerability out of his own strength, his own impotence out of his own erotomania, himself blowing the trumpet that brought the walls of his own city tumbling down, and having convinced himself that he was too numerous, labored with pill and scalpel and syringe to make himself fewer. Until at last, having educated himself into imbecility, and polluted and drugged himself into stupefaction, he keeled over--a weary, battered old brontosaurus--and became extinct." --Malcom Muggeridge

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, LORD of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Matthew 11:25

¹⁸ The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God... Since God in His wisdom saw to it that the world would never know Him through human wisdom, He has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.... It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom. ²³ So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense. I Corinthians 1:18, 21-23

God takes ordinary people and does extraordinary things with us!

WHAT?

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> Foolishness of **CONCEALED** LIGHT

¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. **Show or Ashamed?**

> Faithfulness of **COURAGEOUS** LIGHT

Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.

It's not YOUR light its Christ the Light of the World in YOU!

> Forcefulness of **COLLECTIVE** LIGHT

like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden

HOW? *let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.*

1. **Submission** *let your good deeds shine out for all to see*

2. **Sacrifice** *let your good deeds shine out for all to see*

John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light. John 5:35

3. **Service** *let your good deeds shine out for all to see*