

# The Bible On Trial

## *Solid Foundation*

**Matthew 7:24–27** “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. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” (NIV)

### 4 Wrong Foundations To Build Your Life On

#### 1. Popular culture

#### 2. Tradition

**Mark 7:8** “You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.” (NIV)

#### 3. Reason

**Proverbs 16:25** There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. (NIV)

#### 4. Feelings

**Judges 21:25** At that time there was no king in Israel. People did whatever they felt like doing. (MSG)

### 3 Keys To Making The Bible The Foundation Of Your Life

#### 1. READ IT

##### 1. Understand it

##### 3 TYPES OF TRANSLATIONS

1. Formal equivalency: KJV, NKJV, NASB, ESV

2. Functional equivalency: NLT, GN, TEV, NIV

3. Paraphrase: Living Bible (LB), The Message (MSG)

##### 2. Memorize it

**Psalms 119:11** I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (NIV)

### 3. Hear it

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

### 4. Talk it

**Colossians 3:16** Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. (NIV)

## 2. LIVE IT

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

**James 1:25** But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. (NIV)

**John 8:31–32** To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (NIV)

**John 13:17** Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. (NIV)

## 3 BIG AREAS TO OBEY GOD

### 1. Relationships

**Matthew 22:37–39** Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ (NIV)

### 2. Finances

**Malachi 3:10** Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. (NIV)

### **3. Daily Habits**

**1 Timothy 4:7** Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly. (NLT)

#### **DAILY HABITS**

**1. Eye Habits**

**2. Ear Habits**

**3. Mouth Habits**

**4. Thought Habits**

### **3. USE IT AS A WEAPON**

**Ephesians 6:13** Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. (NIV)

**Ephesians 6:17** Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (NIV)