



Preaching that Changes Me

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**Introduction:**

The Premise of this series is that there are some specific things that every church needs to have. We talked about four of them, how many can you remember?

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

If you were to add another topic or two to the series, what topics would you add about what is essential to a church?

Did you grow up attending a church that emphasized application? If not, what was emphasized in your church? Doctrine? Sacraments? Attendance?

**Scripture:**

Matthew 7:24-27, 2 Timothy 4:1-8, 2 Corinthians 1:20-21, James 1:19-25, 2 Timothy 3:10-17

**Bottom Line:**

*One thing that grows us is not just knowing more, but we know what to do with what we've learned.*

Talk that out...

**Read Matthew 7:24-28**

This parable follows the sermon on the Mount. Why do you think Jesus concluded his sermon with this parable?

What does this strong exhortation say about Jesus' view of his own teaching?

What is the relationship between "...and puts them into practice" in v. 24 and "...had it's foundation on the rock" in v. 25?

Have you ever applied a specific teaching of Scripture that, looking back, prepared you for an unexpected storm?

Can you think of a difficult time you have faced that could have been avoided if you had applied the principles of scripture?

In v. 27, Jesus said that the foolish man's house fell with a great crash. Chances are you know individuals or couples whose lives or marriages could be described in similar terms. Without giving names or too many specifics, describe a situation you know about where someone experienced a great crash that could have been avoided if he or she had consistently applied the teachings of Jesus.

If, for the past 5 years, you had been applying what you know the Scriptures teach about finances, how would things be different in your finances today? Apply this same question to marriage or relationships in general?

**Talk this through...**

*"Unapplied truth is like paint. It doesn't do anybody any good until it is applied."*