

**Securing a Strong Foundation** [Series: Desperate HouseLives]

1. Matthew 7:13-14 “Enter through the narrow gate... the gate is small and the \_\_\_\_\_ way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

a. If you want to get to the good & blessed life, it will be found in one of those “cities on the hill” found by traveling the \_\_\_\_\_ path

b. Wide path – impulsive, reactionary, thoughtless, passive, lack of focus, \_\_\_\_\_ meandering along your way, going wherever life leads you

c. Narrow path – careful, attentive, thoughtful, disciplined, proactive, not \_\_\_\_\_ sidetracked, clear, focused, not distracted, hard work, & much effort

2. How many really, really good things in life do you get that require no \_\_\_\_\_?

3. How many truly meaningful, life-changing events happen for you, *when you are \_\_\_\_\_ being thoughtless, impulsive, reactionary, and careless?*

a. If you really want to feel a deep sense of joy about something, almost without \_\_\_\_\_ exception you have to work hard & sacrifice for it

4. During that process of work and sacrifice, you also have to remain sharp & \_\_\_\_\_ or else you will get sidetracked & never reach your end goal

5. 3 Personal Action Matrix

- passive - human doormat

- reactive - what you do/feel is simply a response to other people for better \_\_\_\_\_ or for worse

- proactive – you chart your own course

a. If we are always reactive or passive, \_\_\_\_\_ itself will steer us in the \_\_\_\_\_ wrong directions (to “weak foundations”)

6. Mt 7:34 “These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, \_\_\_\_\_ homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are \_\_\_\_\_ foundational words, words to build a life on.”

- What are the “true” foundations of your life?

7. \_\_\_\_\_ values = the things you “say” are important, but you don’t do

8. Real values = the things that are important that can be measured in your \_\_\_\_\_ external behavior

9. If you build your life around a false foundation, then, when the storms hit and \_\_\_\_\_ the waves come crashing in, you will have \_\_\_\_\_ left

- If you build your life around a true foundation, you will be just fine

10. 3 Foundations to Consider:

1. God, in Christ (*not* conditional; the One, True foundation)

2. Your family (conditional)

3. A Church Home (conditional)

11. The true foundations- Jesus, your family (conditional), your church \_\_\_\_\_ conditional)- will provide an \_\_\_\_\_ for you that no storm can rock

1. narrow 2. effort 4. focused 5. life 7. notional 9. nothing 11. anchor