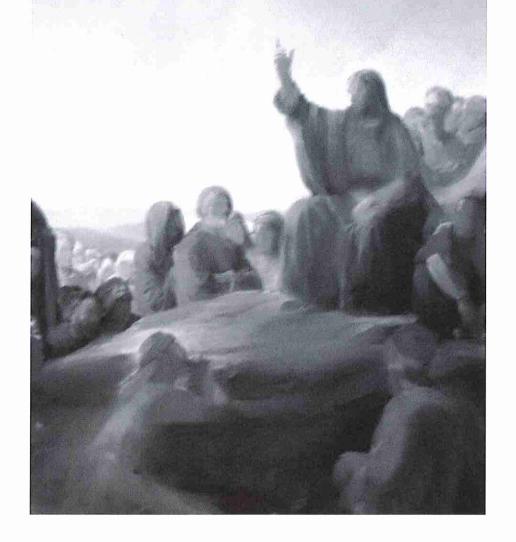
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HOW DO WE DEFINE CHRISTIANITY?

- A. How can a person be labeled incorrectly?
 - 1. It is more than vocabulary.
 - 2. It is more than correct behavior.
 - 3. It is not about the right heritage.
- B. Why is a person labeled incorrectly?

"In Heaven I expect to find three wonders there: First to meet someone I had not thought to see there, second to miss some I had thought to meet there, and third, the greatest wonder of all to find myself there."

John Newton

RELIGIOUS WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH.

- A. What are our misconceptions?
 - 1. **Fervency** is not enough.
 - 2. Having **powers** isn't enough.
 - 3. Doing great things is not enough.
- B. We need to test ourselves below the surface.
 - 1. First, am I **living** the will of the Father?
 - 2. Second, am I practicing lawlessness?

RELIGIOUS BEHAVIOR IS NOT ENOUGH

- A. What are the similarities between the two men?
- B. What were the characteristics of the foolish man?
 - 1. He was impatient.
 - 2. He was prideful.
 - 3. He was unwise.
- C. What were the characteristics of the wise man?
 - 1. He had the correct motive.
 - 2. He was teachable.
 - 3. He **thought** before he **acted**.
- D. What were the significant considerations of the two houses?
 - 1. The time to have **checked**
 - 2. The inevitability of storms and trials
- E. Jesus' teaching is illustrative of our lives.
 - 1. What does a wise life look like?
 - 2. What does a **foolish** life look like?
 - a. Our lives need to be radical.
 - b. Our lives need to reflect Jesus.

WHAT IS THE RESPONSE TO JESUS' TEACHING?

- A. What was the crowd's response?
- B. What is your response?

A CLOSING QUESTION