



# *A Foundation for the New Year*

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Matthew 7:24-27

Followers of Jesus are called to be noticeably different.

Followers of Jesus become more like Jesus.

Not everyone wants to see the light.

Not everyone wants to see the light ... yet.

Your actions matter. Your character matters. Your integrity matters.

**Other Scripture:** John 13:34-35; Matthew 5:14-16, 43-45a, 46-48; Matthew 6:14-15, John 3:19-21; 2 Timothy 2:22-26

### **Further Study**

**Read:** Matthew 7:24-27 in your group or with at least one other person.

1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

### **Discuss:**

1. What does the passage reveal about God?
2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

### **Act:**

1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week?  
Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.