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Matthew 7:24-27

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- Discussion with a friend – his question:
- Is it true that Christians believe that if you believe in Jesus you can do whatever you want and you will still be saved?

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• ²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

• ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?'

• ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' (Matt. 7:21-23 NIV)

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- Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death." (Jn. 8:51 NIV)
- He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." (Lk. 11:28 NIV)
- The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. (1 Tim. 4:1 NIV)
- Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Tim. 4:16 NIV)

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- Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. (1 Cor. 15:1-2 NIV)
- Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. (Jas. 1:21 NIV)