

The Wise And The Foolish

Cast : Wise man (W), foolish man (F), Jesus

Props : None

Notes : For the purposes of the sketch 2 people may be used for W's house, and 2 (or more) for F's house. Ideally F's house should look bigger.

[W & F enter talking as they walk to centre stage. Jesus stands stage left]

F : I mean, why? You don't want to build your house in the mountains, you want to build it by the beach! Loads of sunshine, golden sand, and you should see the babes ...

W : I still think ...

F : Besides we're both fishermen. I mean, what's the point of moving so far from the sea? Don't you want to eat?!

W : But the foundations ...

F : And that's another thing. Rock's so uneven, so tricky to walk on, and most importantly - tough to build on. Sand on the other hand, sand is marvellous. Sand is easily levelled, nice to walk on, and a dream to build on. Why I finished my house a year ago and look at yours! You've only just finished the building - no wallpaper, and hardly any cooking facilities. How long did it take you to lay the foundations?

W : Oh about ...

F : Whereas mine hardly needed any at all. And because I built on sand I had more time to spend on the things that really matter. My house was cheaper, took less time to build, is closer to work, easier to get to, warmer, sunnier, and has better recreational facilities.

Jesus : Then the rain came. And the wind. And the foolish man's house fell with a great crash.

W : My house is bigger.

Jesus : So I say to you - do not be arrogant nor put your hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but in God who richly provides for all. Be rich in good deeds and be generous and willing to share. In this way you will lay up a treasure for yourselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that you may inherit eternal life. (from 1Tim 6v17-19)

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