

Two roads in life

Matthew 7:13-14

Introduction:

You have probably heard that life is a game and you just have to play the hand you were dealt. The Bible says that there are only two roads or paths in life the broad and the narrow and it is up to us to choose. Which one will you choose?

Scripture:

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

key Points:

1. The two gates.
2. Two ways.
3. Two groups
4. Two destinations

Body:

1. The two gates
 - a. The wide gate
 - i. This is the gate that leads to destruction.
 - (1) It is wide so that there is no sacrifice on your part.
 - (2) It allows you to bring whatever baggage you want such as:
 - (a) Materialism
 - (b) an unforgiving spirit
 - (c) believe whatever one wants to believe
 - (3) This is the path chosen by most people.
 - (a) Because there are no restrictions concerning belief and behavior
 - b. The narrow gate
 - i. This gate is the gate that leads to life.
 - (1) This gate is narrow because it requires:
 - (a) Self denial
 - (b) There is no room for:
 - (i) consuming earthly goods
 - (ii) an unforgiving spirit
 - (iii) or self righteousness.
2. There are two ways
 - a. The broad way
 - i. This road allows:

- (1) any behavior
 - (2) and no change in ones lifestyle.
 - ii. Many like this path because they think they are free.
 - (1) They believe they are "open-minded"
 - (2) They view themselves as "tolerant" of others
 - b. The narrow road
 - i. This way that leads to life is "difficult" because it requires:
 - (1) A righteousness that exceeds that of many religious people.
 - (2) A change in our behavior
 - ii. Because of its difficulty, many choose not to travel its path
 - (1) They find it to confining
 - (2) They believe that they will be narrow minded.
3. There are two groups
 - a. The many
 - i. This is the default path that we all travel unless way seek to find that narrow gate that leads to the narrow path.
 - ii. These are the people that refuse to change anything about themselves.
 - iii. They believe what they want and go by there own rules.
 - b. The Few
 - i. Theses are the ones that have accepted Christ Jesus as Lord and savior.
 - ii. These are the ones that said my way is no good but Christ has the best plan for me so I will go by HIS rules.
 - iii. They allow there lives to change.
 - iv. They are the ones who have changed their heart attitude.
4. The two destinations
 - a. Destruction
 - i. This is the road that leads to hell eternal
 - (1) For those who hear the gospel of Christ and refuse HIM.
 - b. Life
 - i. This is everlasting life in Jesus Christ.
 - ii. It is a gift.
 - (1) To those who have been set free from sin
 - (2) To those who became slaves of God and of righteousness
 - (3) To those who bore the fruit of holiness

Conclusion:

Will you be among the few, or the many? Let Jesus direct you along the narrow way that leads to eternal life!