

THE NARROW VS THE BROAD ROAD

November 15, 2020 Matthew 7:13-14, Luke 13:23-24

Life is full of choices. Some are good and some are bad. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus presented to his disciples (see Matthew 5:1) the choice of two gates and two roads. **If you want to be a salty Christian then CHOOSE WISELY.**

1. Don't choose the broad gate and the broad road

- Why? Because it leads to destruction.
- Always keep your final destination in mind.
- Then why would anyone choose it? Because it seems easy. Because it seems that "everyone is doing it."
- It's the way of self-centeredness. Like the rich farmer in Luke 12:13-21. When did God ever say "take it easy?"
- Paul calls Christians like this "carnal" or "worldly" in I Cor. 3:1.
- It's the way of self-righteousness. "Look how good I am."

2. Choose the narrow gate and the narrow road

- The only way to enter is through Jesus. John 10:7-8, 14:6
- By narrow it means that it can be difficult & challenging.
- It "requires discipline, dedication, death to self: self-indulgence, self-importance, self-centeredness, self-interest, self-seeking and self-righteousness (Daily verse-Knowing Jesus)."
- If you don't think so read Matthew 5-7 daily for a week.
- Jesus says the narrow road will lead to persecution. Matthew 5:9-12
- How can you walk the narrow road, living like Jesus? Only in the power of the Holy Spirit. "Not I, but Christ..."
- Yield yourself daily to God and ask for His strength and power.