



Lesson #12: Life Lessons About Direction (7:13-14)

In this seventh chapter the model minister and model preacher is giving an _____. Jesus is going to compel those who have consider His message to make a decision. As we turn to verses 13 and 14 we are confronted with an important choice. You see each of us is called upon to decide where we are going to spend _____. This is the most profound and challenging decision you will ever make.

Someone has appropriately said that all life concentrates on man at the _____. In these verses a crossroads is given. Three times the Lord is going to, by way of comparison, give a very convicting message. Each one of these contrasts is given purposefully to challenge us to decide: *Life or death, heaven or hell, glory or damnation!*

JUST TWO _____ TO GO THROUGH

Here we find that there is an essential exhortation made.

A. The wide gate = _____

The wide gate represents the _____ of the _____. Oh, it's marked "heaven" but it's a lie. This gate is wide and popular. It's the gate of getting to Heaven by your works and it always leads to _____.

B. It does mean that Christians will be _____ the same way they judge others

The narrow gate represents the _____ with _____. The narrow gate is the "*way of life*" provided through Christ. The Jewish leaders thought they were on their way to haven but Jesus forced them to reconsider and make a decision. All the world divides between these two gates.

In the Garden of Eden Satan tampered with the _____. The way of salvation is always through _____ with _____. There are just two gates and Jesus says, "*I am the door*" (John 10:9)

JUST TWO _____ TO TRAVEL ON

Here we find that there is an efficient _____. It's as if the Lord allows us in a traffic helicopter to look over the traverse of all the world and make some observations about how people are traveling.

A. Observation #1: There are _____ people on the wide path

The broad way is a place where _____ is tolerated. There's a permissive attitude about the people traveling on the road. But just because the religion of the crowd is popular does not mean that it's right.

B. Observation #2: The narrow path is not all that _____

The narrow path is tight, restricted, and somewhat constrained. It's the way that requires we fight the good fight of faith. It's the way that requires we keep our bodies under and bring it into subjection. It's the way that is exclusively in _____.

JUST TWO _____ TO ARRIVE AT

Here we find that there is an exclusive _____.

A. Eternal _____

The way of destruction is to be avoided at all costs. The word "destruction" that Jesus uses in this passage means "utter, total, eternal, _____." While Hell was created for Satan and His angels it is inhabited by those who _____ to make a choice to follow these clear teachings of Christ.

B. Eternal _____

The way of destruction needs to be avoided at all costs but the way of life needs to be _____. There is no third option today! Jesus warns us that there really is a way that leads to death! Two ways, two ends, and two groups destined for eternity in two very different places.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

As we come to Matthew 7:13 we learn the most important "Life Lesson" of them all! "Listen!" says Jesus, "Here is the way!" Many have gone through the broad gate and traveled down the wide path. In reality every single one of us, if we are going to go to _____, must enter through the _____ gate. We must bow our knee to Christ and accept that He alone is our created and that He died on the cross without sin to bear the burden of all our sins. The bible tells us that this is proven irrefutably by the _____ of the _____. Will you go through the straight gate an accept Christ as your Savior?

You need to decide where you will spend _____!