



Two Ways
Matthew 7:13-29



I. The Way To The Kingdom

Matthew 7:13-14

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

I. The Way To The Kingdom

A. The command

The right way to go

B. The choice

The wrong way to go

C. The consequences

Spiritual life or death

D. The concern

Few find life

I. The Way To The Kingdom

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.



II. The Wolves Along the Way

Matthew 7:15-20

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

II. The Wolves Along the Way

A. Spiritual reality is from within

B. Spiritual transformation shows inside-out

C. Spiritual falsehood is judged



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Revelation 21:8

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.



What We Need To Have Good Fruit

Act because you have a relationship with Christ

Change the way you think

Hear what Christ says

Combat self-righteousness

Act as if you are on your way to Heaven not just trying to get there

Do good judgment

III. The Witness At The End The Way

Matthew 7:21-23

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

III. The Witness At The End The Way

A. Our words are empty without the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:4

And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

B. Our works are vain without being in God's will

Psalm 127:1

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

III. The Witness At The End The Way

C. The Word of Christ is final



IV. The Way To Build Your Life

Matthew 7:24-27

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

IV. The Way To Build Your Life

A. Which man do you identify with?

James 3:10

Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

B. Is your spiritual house continuing or condemned?

C. The foundation is the key

Psalm 11:3

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

IV. The Way To Build Your Life

1 Corinthians 3:10-11

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

V. The Wonder Of The People

Matthew 7:28-29

**28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:
29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.**

V. The Wonder Of The People

A. Do you stand in awe of God's Word?

B. Are you motivated by His message?

C. Does God's word dwell in you richly?

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Which Way Are You Going?



