

## **TWO GATES & TWO ROADS**

Based on the command of Christ #19 – “Choose the narrow way”.

Mt. 7:13-14

13. "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

14. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

### **I. THE DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS**

#### *A. The Wide Gate vs. Narrow/Small Gate*

Ephesians 2:1-3 -

1. As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,
2. in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.
3. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

Psalm 34:18 - The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Pr. 3:34 - He mocks proud mockers but gives grace to the humble.

Js. 4:6 - But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

1 Pet. 5:5-6

5. Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
6. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

John 10:1-10

1. "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber.
2. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep.

3. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
4. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.
5. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."
6. Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.
7. Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep.
8. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.
9. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.
10. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

### *B. The Broad Road vs. The Narrow Road*

#### John 14:1-6

1. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God ; trust also in me.
2. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.
3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.
4. You know the way to the place where I am going."
5. Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"
6. Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Joyce Meyer - "Following God means walking the 'narrow road.' It means facing adversity."

Here are several things I've learned that help me to keep going:

1. God's Word is a border for my life.

Psalms 119:105 - "Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"

2. I have to be willing to finish what I start.

Hebrews 12:1 – 2 - Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on JESUS the author and finisher of our faith”

3. When no one is there to help me, I get to know Jesus really well.

*C. The Many vs. The Few*

## **II. THE DEFINITE CONSEQUENCES**

*A. The Road of Salvation*

John 3:36 - Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

John 5:24 - "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

1 John 5:11-12

11. And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

*B. The Road of Destruction*

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **III. THE DEMANDING CHOICE**