

Entering the Kingdom – Matthew 7:13-23

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¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go through it. ¹⁴ How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it. ¹⁵ "Be on your guard against false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravaging wolves. ¹⁶ You'll recognize them by their fruit. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree can't produce bad fruit; neither can a bad tree produce good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that doesn't produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ So you'll recognize them by their fruit. ²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord, ' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, drive out demons in your name, and do many miracles in your name?' ²³ Then I will announce to them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you lawbreakers!'

Life's ______ determine destiny. We should not take them lightly.

I. The choice of life is <u>hard</u> and few will _____ it. (13-14)

- The entrance is _____.
- The road is _____.

• The choice of death and destruction is _____ and _____ will choose it.

II. Along the road you have warning signs that cause you to make choices from whom you _____ and _____ . (15-20)

- They are _____.
- They can _____ good and they can _____ good.
- You recognize them by what they _____ and <u>do</u>.
- III. Choice of _____ profession or _____ confession. (21-23)
- Enter the kingdom not by merely knowing _____ Christ.
- Enter the kingdom by believing _____ Christ