

You Must Choose
Two Gates, Two Trees,
Two Destinies & Two Foundations.

Matthew 7:13-28

The Gospel of
Matthew

Jesus The Messiah King

A person wearing a backpack and a cap is walking away from the camera on a gravel path that leads towards a bright, glowing light source in the distance. The path is flanked by green fields and wooden fences. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of a long, purposeful journey.

**We are all on a
spiritual journey**

The choices we made in life matter

You must choose **Matthew 7:13-28**

- *Two gates and two paths*
- *Two trees and two fruits*
- *Two destinies and two claims*
- *Two foundations and two houses*

MATTHEW
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Two gates and two paths

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.

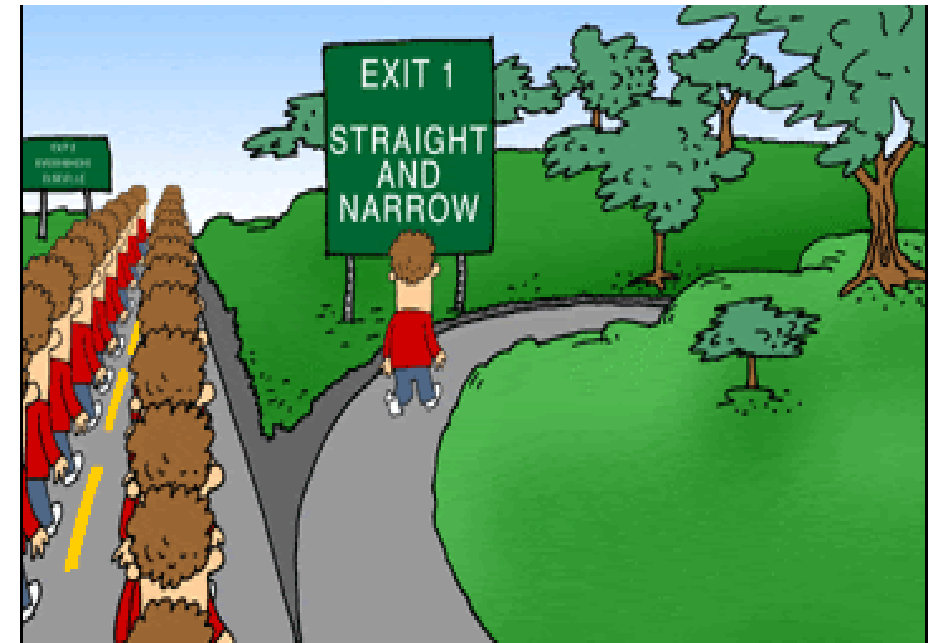
14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

The narrow gate

*Unpopular, less travelled,
and difficult.*

The wide gate

*Popular, widely travelled,
and easy.*



The narrow and the broad paths

The Kingdom Life in Christ

vs.

The Worldly Life

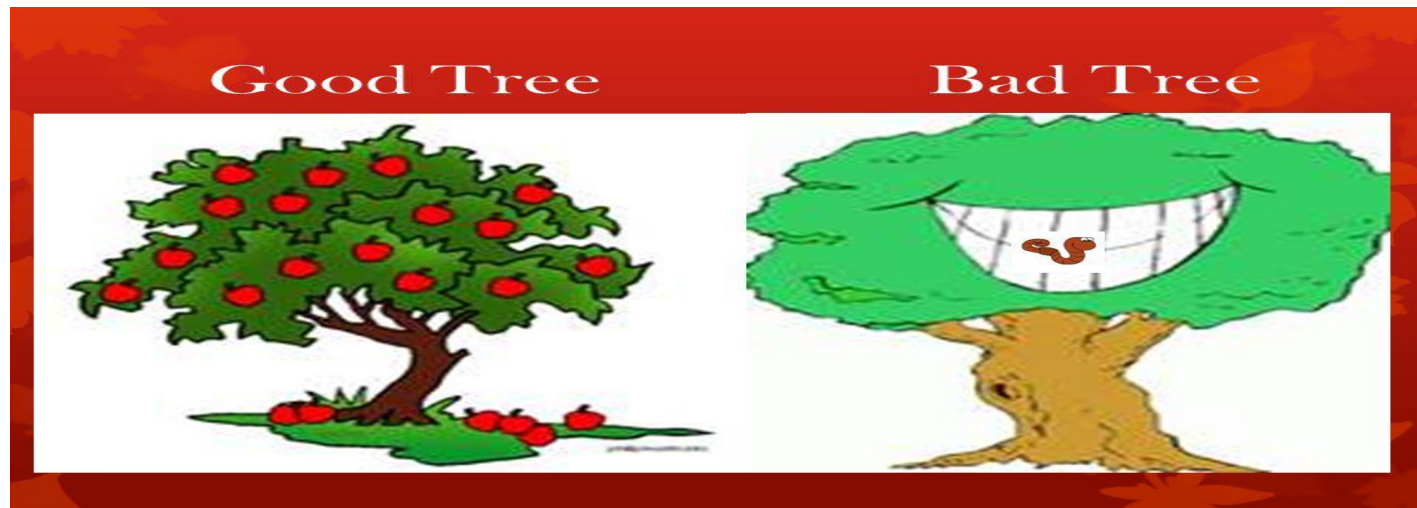
Its attitude, values, and philosophy



Be Discerning On the Way

15 'Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognise them. Do people pick grapes from thorn-bushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.

Two Trees and Two Fruits



True and false prophets

¹⁵ 'Watch out for false prophets.

*They come to you in sheep's clothing,
but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.*

**You must discern
who you meet on the way**



How to recognize them?

*¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognise them.
Do people pick grapes from thorn-bushes,
or figs from thistles?*

*¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit,
but a bad tree bears bad fruit.*

Appearance can be deceiving
Spot the counterfeits

Choosing the Path of True Righteousness



**Recognizing a
False Prophet**



Look at the fruit closely

By their fruit you will recognise them.

Listen to what they preach carefully

Look at how they live and work



Examine their characters and life

Ultimate marks of true disciples

Obedient to His Word

Fruit of the Spirit in their life



***God's grace inevitably leads to obedience
and fruit of the Spirit in our life***

Two Destinies and Claims

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 who is in heaven.

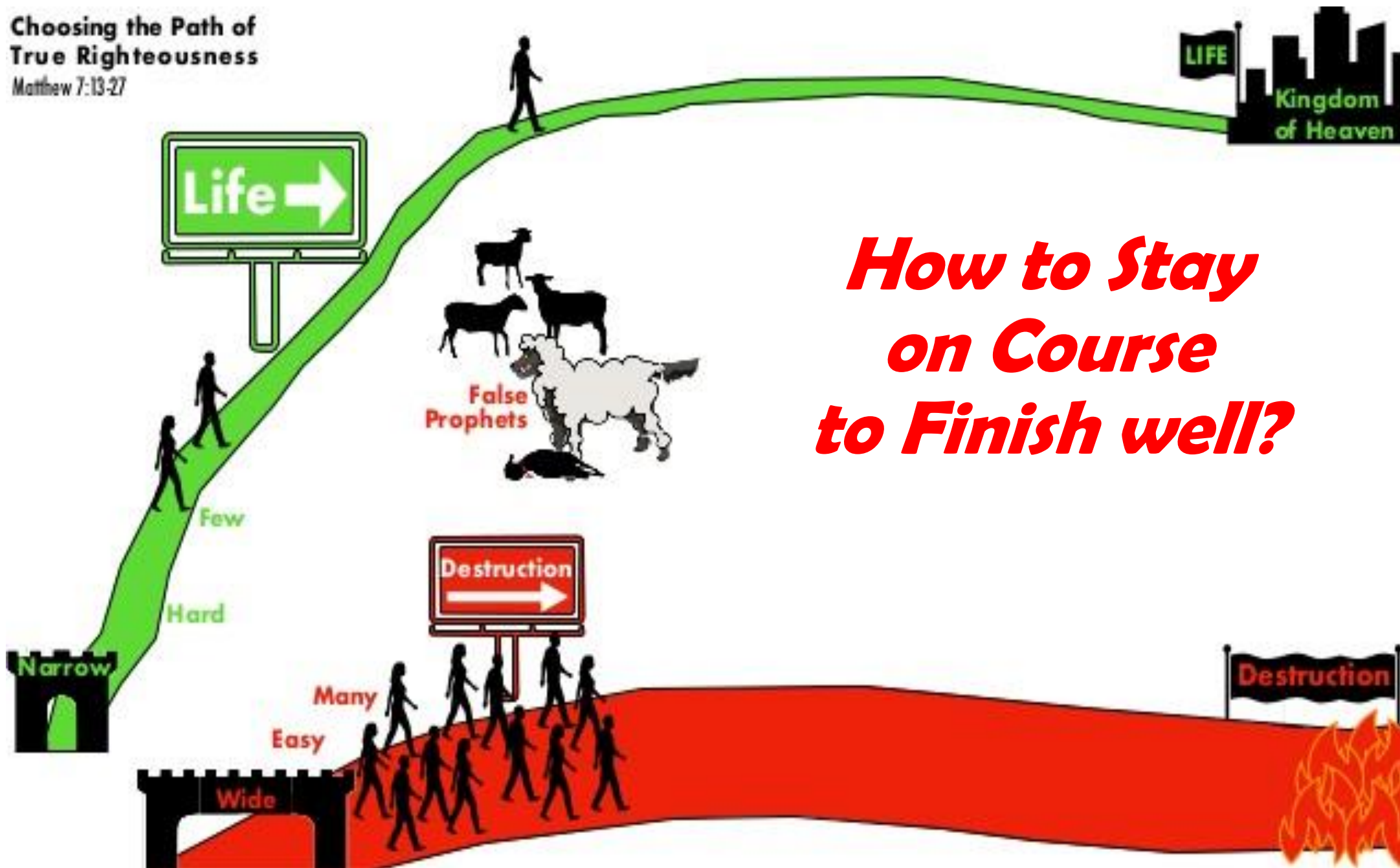
22 Many will say to me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?" 23 Then I will tell them plainly, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!"

A great warning for the false prophets and the disciples



Choosing the Path of True Righteousness

Matthew 7:13-27



*How to Stay
on Course
to Finish well?*

Two foundations and two houses

24 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.'



The Foolish vs. Wise Builders **Disobedience Obedience**



Build on Sand



Build on the Rock



Holy Lighters

Choose the right gate

Go on the right path

Be discerning on the way

Build on the right foundation

Arrive at the right destiny



JOURNEY of LIFE

How to know which gate and path?



**Know &
Follow
Jesus**



Jesus is the gate

Jn. 10:7, 9

***7** Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.
9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.*

Go on the Path of Life with Jesus

***Jesus is the way,
the truth, and the life.***

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Journey
with Jesus



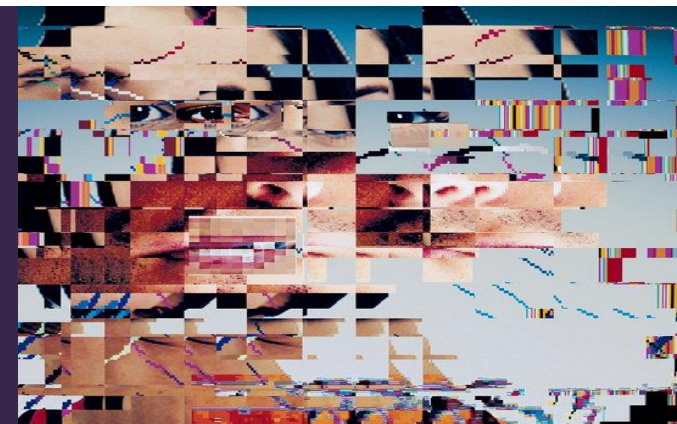
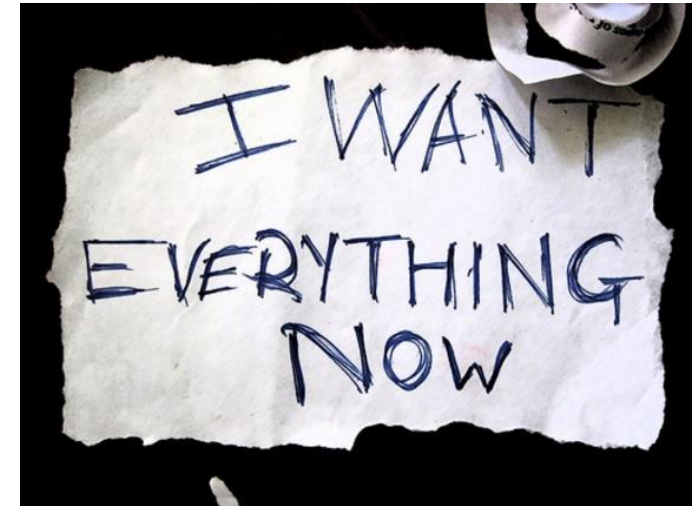
Be Discerning

**Watch out for
false teaching
and prophets**

Post-modern world with its challenges of permissiveness

- Hedonism
- Secularism
- Pluralism
- Relativism

***Pleasure
seeking
Instant
gratification***



Build our Life on the Right Foundation

***Know Him, Trust Him,
Love and Obey Him.***

