

How to stay on the right road (Mt.7)

Prov.14:12

Mt.7:13-14

Politically incorrect passage

Many...wrong way...destruction

- Narrow gate . . . Way of life – confined, narrow, difficult
- Wide gate . . . Way of destruction – *wide + place*, roomy, spacious

Roads lead somewhere

Do all roads lead same place?

I. What makes the
right road so difficult?

Narrow road markers

1. Keeps us from things we want. Gn.3.
1 K.21. Mt.6:19-21
2. Tells us what to do. Ex.20. Mt.5:3-12
3. Forces us to choose. Josh.24:15
4. Requires humility. Mt.5:3. Is.66:2.
5. Exposes our sins. Mt.5:29-30
6. Requires change of life. Mt.6:24.
7. Requires us to think of others... Mt.7:12

II. Is the narrow road
worth all the trouble?

Yes, if . . .

- There is a Supreme Judge. Mt.7:13-14
- Bible is His word. Mt.7:13-14 (Ac.9:2)
- We have an immortal soul. Mt.7:13-14
- Present conduct determines eternal destiny.
Mt.7:13-14

III. How to stay on the right road?

Count your blessings every day

Psalm 8:3-4

1 Tim.6:17

- These rich could not . . .

1. Ride in a car
2. Turn on a light
3. Buy antibiotics
4. Listen to radio
5. Watch TV
6. Wash dishes in hot water

7. Type a letter
8. Mow a lawn
9. Fly in plane
10. Lie down on sleep no.
11. Talk on phone
12. Use electricity

Pray every day

Dan.6:10

- Daniel's pure life left opponents with only one avenue of attack: his religion.
- He prayed three times a day.
- He would not stop even if . . .

Mt.6:11, *Give us this day our daily bread.*

- Daily petitions...daily provisions
- Lord teaches spirit of childlike trust
- We learn spirit of gratitude

Study Bible every day

Lk.24:32

- “I study my Bible like I gather apples...”

1 Tim.4:16, Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

- “Take heed” requires more than study
- We allow the word to correct our faults, replace them with virtues

Teach others at every opportunity

2 Pt.1:12-14

- 11-12: Peter repeats
 - Put in remembrance
 - Be established (= Lk.22:32)
- 13: Peter's death draws near
 - We repeat God's word; remind...
- 14: Peter protects future generations...
- 15: decease . . . (exodus)

Live each day as if it is your last

2 Pt.3:10-13

- 10: will come... Lk.12:20
- 11: only those who walk in holiness can view this time with joy
- 12-14: peace in all its aspects –
 - God
 - Conscience
 - Fellow men