

Choosing the Right Road

Introduction

1. **The main text for today's lesson is taken from the words of Jesus in Matthew 7:13-14.**
Matthew 7:13-14
2. **Jesus points out that no man can serve two masters.**
Matthew 6:24
3. **If we are to have eternal life, we **MUST** serve God and walk in the narrow way.**
 - A. **The time comes in life when we will have to make a decision on whom we really are going to serve.**
 - B. **We are going to have to decide which road we are going to travel through life to reach the destination that we desire.**
4. **The road that leads to destruction (eternity in a Devil's hell), is the way of sin.**

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

- A. **This way of sin is the broad way that Jesus mentions.**
 - 1) **It includes every evil way!**
 - B. **We MUST be very careful that we do not choose this road.**
5. **Remember this, that we DO have a choice in the matter. Only we determine which road we will travel down. We alone will give an account of our choice on the judgment day!**

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

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1. **The way of pride**

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

Isaiah 28:1 Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, Whose glorious beauty is a fading flower Which is at the head of the verdant valleys, To those who are overcome with wine!

A. King Herod's pride led to his own destruction. Acts 12:20-23

2. **The way of surrendered will**

Hebrews 5:8-9 though He was a Son, yet He *learned obedience by the things which He suffered*. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

Matthew 7:21 Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who *does the will of My Father* in heaven.

3. **The way of Self-Indulgence James 1:13-15**

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

A. An example of this is Nebuchadnezzar's son Belshazzar. Daniel 5:20

4. **Glorify God in Body and Spirit 1 Corinthians 6:18-20**

5. The way of rebellion
Proverbs 1:24-33

Joshua 1:18 Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage."

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

6. The way of Obedience

1 Samuel 3:10 Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

Acts 22:10 So I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Arise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do.'

7. The way of Omission

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

8. Must DO God's will
Matthew 7:21

9. The way of heedlessness
Luke 17:26-29

10. Must make ready

Acts 2:40-41 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

11. **The way of religious error**

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

Acts 23:1 Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."

12. **The way of truth**

A. **The way of preservation is the way of obedience.**

Matthew 7:21 Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Revelation 22:14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

Conclusion

1. **Any poison – even taken sincerely, will kill you.**
2. **There was an inscription written on a tombstone which read:**

*Remember friend, when passing by,
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, soon you will be,
Prepare for death and follow me.*

A man read this and with hammer and chisel wrote:

*“To follow you I’m not content,
Until I know which way you went.”*

