



# Make Good Choices

Sunday, April 30, 2023  
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*Even though God is sovereign (He has the right and power to do what He decides to do), people are responsible for the choices they make and the actions they take.*

## **Matthew 7:13–14 (ESV)**

**13“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.**

**14For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.**

## **Make Eternal Choices**



***Make good choices commercial***  
*“Good choices never tasted so good.”*

We are responsible for the choices we make. – *Acts 2:22-23*

God calls people to choose His way, the way of life, over the way of death. – *Deuteronomy 30:19-20, Joshua 24:13-15, I Kings 18:21*

## **The Call Of The Sermon On The Mount**

Now is the time to make a decision, will you live as a Kingdom Citizen, a true follower of Christ, or an earthly citizen?

– *Matthew 5:20*

All preaching demands a verdict. What will the verdict be?

– *Matthew 7:28-29*

Matthew 7:13-27 is a series of choices that must be made after hearing the Greatest Sermon Ever Preached. All deal with a person's eternal destiny.

## **Choose Which Gate You Enter.**

***The compassionate Jesus is pointing people to the correct gate.***

- The narrow gate is restrictive because it is only through Jesus. – *John 14:6, John 10:9, Acts 4:12*
- The narrow gate is restrictive because it calls for a personal choice. – *John 1:12*
- The narrow gate is restrictive because you can bring nothing along with you. – *Matthew 16:24-25*

In contrast, the wide gate is easy to find. It demands nothing, it has no restrictions, and is the popular choice. – *Proverbs 16:25*

## **Choose Which Road You Take.**

***The gate you enter determines the road you are on, and the road you take determines your destination.***

- The narrow gate leads to a way that is hard; it will cost us everything. – *Luke 14:26*
- The narrow gate leads to a way that is hard; it is a way of trouble and hardship. – *John 15:19-20, 16:2, 16:33*
- The narrow gate leads to a way a way that is hard but the way ends in eternal life and fellowship with Christ. – *John 14:2-3, 6*

In contrast, the wide gate leads to a wide way that leads to destruction. – *Psalm 1:6, Matthew 25:42, 46, 2 Thessalonians 1:9*

## **Choose Your Eternal Destiny.**

***He calls us today, to choose our eternal destiny. Choose life or destruction; choose heaven or hell.***

*John 6:37, 40 (ESV) - "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out...For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."*



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