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The Broad Way

- Jesus speaks of two gates leading to two
ways
- Sadly, the broad way leading to
destruction is chosen by the majority
- They follow the lies that they do not have
to serve God or even if they do, God does
not restrict their behavior or call on them to
radically change their lives in any way
- The end of choosing and following this
way is eternal separation from God in
torment

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The Narrow Way

- The narrow gate leading to the narrow way
is the gospel that must be obeyed to enter
and to remain in His kingdom
- The narrow way is the life the gospel
demands, trusting in and obeying the Lord
Jesus according to His terms of pardon,
denying ourselves, bearing fruit for Him as
He changes us by His powerful Word and
willingly suffering for doing right
- Eternal life is the result by His grace

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The Broad and Narrow Ways

Mat 7:13 "Enter through the narrow gate; for
the gate is wide and the way is broad that
leads to destruction, and there are many
who enter through it.
Mat 7:14 "For the gate is small and the way
is narrow that leads to life, and there are few
who find it.

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The Broad Way

Pro 16:25 There is a way *which seems* right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

Jer 10:23 I know, O LORD, that a man's way is not in himself, Nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps.

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Jesus Is The Only Way

Joh 14:1 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

Joh 14:2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

Joh 14:3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also.

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Jesus Is The Only Way

Joh 14:4 "And you know the way where I am going."

Joh 14:5 Thomas *said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"

Joh 14:6 Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

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The Gospel Is The Only Way, The Narrow Way To Save and Change Us

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

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Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

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Luk 9:23 And He was saying to *them* all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

Gal 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

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Following The Narrow Difficult Way Is Worth It All

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1Pe 1:4 to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

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Following The Narrow Difficult Way Is Worth It All

1Pe 1:5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1Pe 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,

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Following The Narrow Difficult Way Is Worth It All

1Pe 1:7 so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

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Following The Narrow Difficult Way Is Worth It All

1Pe 1:8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

1Pe 1:9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

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Jesus Warns Against False Prophets

- We would like to believe that those who claim to teach the Bible are completely trustworthy and truthful in their teaching and would never lead us astray
- Many, without question, believe most everything they are told by their preacher or priest as the Truth
- Accompanied with this deep trust is a failure to diligently study the Word and question what is taught

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Jesus Warns Against False Prophets

- Jesus warns against false prophets who are obstacles keeping many from either entering or remaining in His kingdom
- Thankfully we can know their character and fruit so we can identify and stand against them
- Specifically, what are some things we must do if we are going to follow the Truth instead of their error?

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Jesus Warns Against False Prophets

Mat 7:15 "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

Mat 7:16 "You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they?

Mat 7:17 "So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.

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Mat 7:18 "A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.

Mat 7:19 "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Mat 7:20 "So then, you will know them by their fruits.

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False Prophets (Teachers) Have Always Been A Challenge

Jer 23:16 Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you. They are leading you into futility; They speak a vision of their own imagination, Not from the mouth of the LORD.

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Jer 23:17 "They keep saying to those who despise Me, 'The LORD has said, "You will have peace"; And as for everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart, They say, 'Calamity will not come upon you.'

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False Prophets (Teachers) Have Always Been A Challenge

2Pe 2:1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

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False Prophets (Teachers) Have Always Been A Challenge

2Pe 2:2 Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;

2Pe 2:3 and in *their* greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

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Jud 1:3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

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entering or remaining in His kingdom
- Thankfully we can know their character
and fruit so we can identify and stand
against them
- As we do so though, let us lovingly,
patiently, openly and prayerfully study the
Scriptures with one another seeking to
unite in the Truth

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2Co 11:13 For such men are false apostles,
deceitful workers, disguising themselves as
apostles of Christ.

2Co 11:14 No wonder, for even Satan
disguises himself as an angel of light.

2Co 11:15 Therefore it is not surprising if
his servants also disguise themselves as
servants of righteousness, whose end will
be according to their deeds.

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Out For Themselves Not To Please God

Php 3:18 For many walk, of whom I often
told you, and now tell you even weeping,
that they are enemies of the cross of Christ,
Php 3:19 whose end is destruction, whose
god is *their* appetite, and *whose* glory is in
their shame, who set their minds on earthly
things.

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Out For Themselves Not To Please God

Col 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

Col 2:9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

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Out For Themselves Not To Please God

Act 20:28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

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Out For Themselves Not To Please God

Act 20:29 "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;

Act 20:30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

1Ti 6:3 If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, 39

Out For Themselves Not To Please God

1Ti 6:4 he is conceited *and* understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions,

1Ti 6:5 and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.

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Out For Themselves Not To Please God

Gal 6:12 Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh try to compel you to be circumcised, simply so that they will not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

Gal 6:13 For those who are circumcised do not even keep the Law themselves, but they desire to have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh.

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Twist Scriptures Restricting Good and Permitting Evil

2Ti 2:14 Remind *them* of these things, and solemnly charge *them* in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless *and leads* to the ruin of the hearers.

2Ti 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

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Twist Scriptures Restricting Good and Permitting Evil

2Ti 2:16 But avoid worldly *and* empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,
2Ti 2:17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,
2Ti 2:18 *men* who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.

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1Ti 4:1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,
1Ti 4:2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,

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1Ti 4:3 *men* who forbid marriage *and* *advocate* abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.
1Ti 4:4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude;
1Ti 4:5 for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.

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Twist Scriptures Restricting Good and Permitting Evil

Rev 2:14 'But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit *acts of* immorality.
Rev 2:15 'So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

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Twist Scriptures Restricting Good and Permitting Evil

2Ti 4:1 I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:
2Ti 4:2 preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

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2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,
2Ti 4:4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.
2Ti 4:5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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Be Alert For False Teachers and Grow In The Word

2Pe 3:15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you,

2Pe 3:16 as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

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2Pe 3:17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness,

2Pe 3:18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

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Compare All Teaching To The Scriptures

Act 17:11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily *to see* whether these things were so.

2Ti 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

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Compare All Teaching To The Scriptures

Gal 1:8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!

1Jn 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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Compare All Teaching To The Scriptures

1Jn 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;

1Jn 4:3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

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Compare All Teaching To The Scriptures

1Jn 4:4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

1Jn 4:5 They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them.

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Compare All Teaching To The Scriptures

1Jn 4:6 We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

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Be Careful Not To Bite And Devour One Another

Gal 5:14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the *statement*, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

Gal 5:15 But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

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Do Not Maintain Fellowship With False Teachers

Rom 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.

Rom 16:18 For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

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Do Not Maintain Fellowship With False Teachers

2Jn 1:9 Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

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Do Not Maintain Fellowship With False Teachers

2Jn 1:10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into *your* house, and do not give him a greeting;

2Jn 1:11 for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.

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Those Who Do The Father's Will Will Enter The Kingdom of Heaven

- Throughout His Sermon, Jesus has contrasted two types of righteousness, two kinds of treasures and two ways to follow leading to eternal life or torment
- Entering His kingdom depends on our choosing the Father's (Jesus') will, not our own will
- We cannot avoid choosing and the eventual consequences of either doing His or our own will

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Those Who Do The Father's Will Will Enter The Kingdom of Heaven

- Surprisingly, Jesus says many will be condemned although they zealously taught and did many great works in His name
- Their fatal error would be, selective obedience to His will, at some points, exalting their own stubborn will against His
- We either seek to ignore certain commands or modify commands to make them easier and more acceptable to us 67

Considering His Sermon At What Points Do We Rebel Against His Will?

- The Beatitudes? Being salt and light?
- Hateful anger, adulterous lust, treacherous divorce not for fornication and adulterous remarriage for either spouse, dishonest promises, taking revenge, hating our enemies?
- Giving to the poor, praying and fasting to be seen of men?
- Not seeking God first? Hypocritically judging? Disobeying the Golden Rule? 68

Those Who Do The Father's Will Will Enter The Kingdom of Heaven

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

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Selective Obedience Will Fail On The Day of Judgment

Mat 7:22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'

Mat 7:23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

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Selective Obedience Will Fail On The Day of Judgment

Jas 2:8 If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF," you are doing well.

Jas 2:9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin *and* are convicted by the law as transgressors.

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Selective Obedience Will Fail On The Day of Judgment

Jas 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one *point*, he has become guilty of all.

Jas 2:11 For He who said, "DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," also said, "DO NOT COMMIT MURDER." Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

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Selective Obedience Will Fail On The Day of Judgment

Jas 4:17 Therefore, to one who knows *the* right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Luk 6:46 "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

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Building Our House On The Rock

- To avoid this ultimate, bitter, eternal disappointment, Jesus says we must build our lives on the rock of faith, a faith that trusts in the Lord enough to seek Him with all our hearts, to know and do all His will
- Obedient faith will insure we overcome the storms of this life and judgment day
- Building on the sand is living in the moment pursuing all we desire, never concerned about the coming storms

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Mat 7:24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Mat 7:25 "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

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Building Our House On The Rock

Mat 7:26 "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

Mat 7:27 "The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell--and great was its fall."

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Hearing His Words Is Not Enough

Jas 1:22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

Jas 1:23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror;

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Jas 1:24 for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

Jas 1:25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

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Our Faith Must Work, Obey His Word

Jas 2:14 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?

Jas 2:15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food,

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Jas 2:16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for *their* body, what use is that?

Jas 2:17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, *being* by itself.

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We Must Have A Heart To Know and Do All His Will

Joh 14:15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

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1Jn 1:5 This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

1Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

1Jn 1:7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

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As We Obey, God Works To Strengthen and Change Us

Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Mat 26:41 "Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

1Co 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

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As We Obey, God Works To Strengthen and Change Us

Php 2:12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

Php 2:13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

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Php 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Php 4:11 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

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2Co 12:7 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me--to keep me from exalting myself!

2Co 12:8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me.

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2Co 12:9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

2Co 12:10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

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Judgment and Eternal Disaster Awaits All Who Choose Disobedience To His Words

Mat 7:23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

Mat 7:27 "The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell--and great was its fall."

Mat 25:30 "Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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Mat 7:28 When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching;

Mat 7:29 for He was teaching them as *one* having authority, and not as their scribes.

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

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Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

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Rom 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

Rom 10:10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

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Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

Joh 12:48 "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

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Who Can Enter The Kingdom of
Heaven?

1. The narrow way and false prophets Matt. 7:13-20
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 - A. Jesus, The Law, The Scribes and Pharisees
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