

Weekly Devotions: TO LOVE GOD IS TO OBEY HIM 14

Choose the Gate and the Way you want to go.

A true believer is God-fearing and chooses to live in accordance to God's word. A true believer is also one who dares to be different from the world and ready to pay the price that obedience to God demands. Instead of conforming and bowing to the influences of the surrounding secular culture, a true believer demonstrates the transforming power of God's love in his / her life. Faithfulness to God is to live by His standards; it is choosing to walk the 'hard' way.

Read Matt 7: 13-14

Jesus said that there are two gates and two paths before us but only one choice. We cannot have one foot on the wide easy road and the other on the narrow and hard way. We can travel only on one. We either choose to live like those in the world doing what everyone is doing or we choose to live for God walking the hard path of God's standard.

The path we choose to travel in our present life determines where we will be eternally. The two ways lead to different destination; one is the path of eternal death leading to hell; the other the path of eternal life leading to heaven.

God's way, the hard path, is not the path people would choose. God's way is not easy as it requires us to make sacrifices, to die to self and to live for God and others. This is what Jesus expected when He told us to follow Him by carrying our cross daily.

Questions to ponder

1. Give some specific examples on why God's way is hard while the way of the world is easy. Why did Jesus encourage us to enter by the narrow gate and stay on the hard way?
2. For those who have entered through the narrow gate, there may be times when we are tempted to go to the easy path. Have you had such struggles and what do you need to do to stay on the hard way?

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