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Command of Christ → Choose the Narrow Way
Character Quality → Decisiveness
Scripture Reference → Matthew 7:13, 14

Two gates:

One is broad and wide --- many are entering through it.
(It is easy to see, and there is lots of room.)

One is narrow and strait --- few are finding it.
(You have to find it before you can go through it.)
Discussion → Why do you think it is hard to locate?

A "gate" is a passage way into someplace else.

Each gate leads to a particular destination.

- The narrow and strait gate leads to life.
 - The further we go with Jesus, the straighter and narrower it gets.
 - It will require exertion and effort.
- The broad and wide gate leads to destruction.

We will enter a particular gate by way of decisive action.

- Many of the consequences we are reaping in life are due to the gate we have entered into through the decisions we have made.
- Both positive and negative!
- Our life is the result of all the decisions we have made.
 - See Luke 13:24; Matthew 11:11; Luke 16:16

What does the Bible have to say about the power of our decisions?

James 1: - Double-mindedness

Proverbs 1:7 – A fool acts without any regard to circumstances.

Further discussion:

Is there a correlation between the gate (that leads to life) and the keys to the kingdom (that Jesus gave to the church)? [Matthew 16:19]

If there was a name on the gate that leads to life, what would it be?