

## 10—The Broad and Narrow Way

Matthew 7:13-20; Luke 6:43-45



1. What are the two basic spiritual choices each person can make and what will be their consequences (Matthew 7:13-14)?

2. Though originally worded, who else had taught this concept in times past (Deuteronomy

30:15-20; Joshua 24:15; Jeremiah 21:8)?

3. Why is the Christian path more “difficult” than the path most of the world takes? Can you think of other great achievements which take great sacrifice? What are some of the difficult aspects you have experienced in living your life for Christ?

4. If we will successfully travel the “narrow way” what must be more important in our decision-making process—the short-term or the long-term?

5. How important is self-discipline and perseverance in finishing the journey? Why do you think so “many” give up?

6. What does the term “*Beware*” indicate (Matthew 7:15)? Who does Jesus say disciples must “*beware*” of who could take us off course?

7. This is not the only passage where Jesus warns of false teachers or prophets. What are some of the warnings we see from Jesus and Paul in the following passages?

- Matthew 23:13-32—
- Matthew 24:5,24—
- Acts 20:29—

8. Look at a few passages in the Bible which also warn of false teachers. What are some of the warning signs we should be aware of if we are to “*beware*” of this problem?

- Matthew 7:3-6, 16-20; Romans 2:21-23—
- 2 Peter 2:3—
- 2 John 9-11—
- 2 Timothy 4:3-4—

9. What are some of the safeguards God has put in place to protect us from the “*false prophets*” who are “*wolves in sheep’s clothing*” (Matthew 16:6; Psalm 19:11; John 10:12-13; 2 Timothy 4:2)?

10. What kinds of “*good fruit*” would you expect to see in the life of a person if he/she is a “*good tree*”? What are some of the areas that are important to you as you think of the character/influence of a man?