

Right or Wrong

Moses commanded the Children of Israel to love the Lord—to choose life. As the leader of God’s people, he wanted them to choose the right way. The following verses are from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. Study the definitions given for each of the underlined words. Then, on the lines below, rewrite the verses in your own words. Do you understand how important it is to make the right choice?

“Strive to enter in at the strait gate: . . .” — Luke 13:24

“. . . for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” — Matthew 7:13,14

Definitions:

strive = try = “put forth effort”

enter = go into = “gain entry”

strait = narrow = “close, careful, intimate”

wide = wide = “spacious, extensive”

broad = broad = “liberal, not limited”

destruction = destruction = “ruin, waste, desolation, death”

narrow = narrow = “conservative, close, careful”

leadeth = leads = “guide, direct”

life = the existence of the soul = “eternal life”

find = find = “locate, uncover, discover”

Luke 13:24 and Matthew 7:13,14 in my own words:

IMPORTANT NOTE: Why do only a “few” find the way to eternal life? Is it because the “broad” way seems so inviting? Does the “narrow” way seem too strict? You are invited to enter the narrow gate today, and find out for yourself how wonderful and mighty Jesus really is.