

Forks in the Road of Life

Introduction

1. **Jesus tells us plainly that there is a “narrow way” and a “broad way” on the road of life and we have a choice in which one we take.**

Matthew 7:13-14

2. **Jesus also tells us that we cannot serve two masters.**

Matthew 6:24

3. **If we are sincerely determined to live a life eternal with our heavenly Father, then we must serve God and walk in the narrow way.**

A. The time comes often on our road of life that we will face forks in the road and we must make a decision on which road to travel.

4. **The road that leads to destruction is the way of sin**

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A. This way of sin is the “broad way” of sin that Jesus referred to in Matthew 7:13.

1) It includes every evil way.

5. **We must ensure that we do not choose to walk down these roads when faced with forks in the road.**

Facing Various Forks in the Road of Life

1. The Road of Pride

- A. We know that a prideful life will lead to destruction. The Bible teaches us that being full of pride is sinful.**

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

Isaiah 28:1 Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, Whose glorious beauty is a fading flower Which is at the head of the verdant valleys, To those who are overcome with wine!

- 1) An example of one being full of pride and arrogance is Herod the king:
Acts 12:20-23**

2. The Road of Surrendering our Will

- A. Before we can ever be determined to serve God in all things we must first surrender our life to Him.**

Hebrews 5:8-9 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

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

3. **The Road of Self-Indulgence**

A. It is so sad that many people seek their own gratification first and foremost in life. All that matters is that we are satisfied, that we have everything that we want first.

1) This attitude leads many into sin and down the road that leads to destruction.

James 1:13-15

1 John 2:15-17

4. **The Road of Glorifying God in Body and Spirit**

A. The Christian strives to choose the road that will always glorify God first.

B. This means making sacrifices in order to please Him.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

5. **The Road of Rebellion**

A. We should learn from the many Old Testament and New Testament examples of those who have chosen this road that have met a terrible end to their lives.

Proverbs 1:24-33

Joshua 1:18 "Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage."

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 "and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,**

6. **The Road of Obedience**

- A. Those who choose this road will be those who want to make sure that they are please to God in every way. Having a sincere desire to be with Him in eternity.**
- 1) Those who choose this road understand that God's will must be a priority over any man.**
Matthew 10:34-39
Matthew 7:21

Acts 22:10 So I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Arise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do.'

7. **The Road of Disobedience**

- A. It should be obvious to everyone that this road certainly will lead to eternal condemnation at the judgment day.**
Luke 17:26-29

8. **The Road of Being Ready**

- A. Each day as we travel through our daily life, we must make sure that we are ready to lay our life down and look forward to the judgment of Jesus – knowing that we have chosen the road to make ourselves ready for the great judgment day!**
- B. We must hear the gospel of Christ and have an honest and sincere heart – determined to be saved and to live a life for Christ.**

Acts 2:40-41 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Matthew 24:44the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

9. **The Road of Religious Error**

A. This is the road that seems so enticing to so many people, yet it is the road that we must pay very close attention to. Is it really the right road, even though so many people choose to take it?

- 1) Our good intentions, our good conscience does not mean that it is the right road.**
- 2) Sadly, many, many people – most religious people will enter into eternal condemnation because they chose this road.**

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

Acts 23:1 Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."

10. **The Road of Truth**

A. The only way of preservation is to make sure that we are traveling the road of truth and obedience to God.

- 1) After all, it is His word that will judge us in the last day**

John 12:48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him-- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Revelation 22:14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

Conclusion

1. **Our life is a life of making choices. Each day we travel down this road of life there will be many forks in it.**
 - A. **Are we making the right choice in regard to making sure that we take the road and stay on the road that leads to eternal life?**
 - 1) **We will not get a second chance. This is our one and only opportunity to make sure that we travel down path of righteousness.**
 - 2) **If we miss heaven, then we truly have missed it all!**

2. **The following inscription was found on a tombstone:**

**Remember friend, when passing by,
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, soon you will be,
Prepare for death and follow me.**

A man read this and with a hammer and chisel wrote:

**“To follow you I’m not content,
Until I know which way you went.”**

3. **Choosing the right road among all the forks in the road of life will be much easier when we first have the following attitude.**

Mark 12:30 and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength....

- A. **When we do, then we will be determined to do only that which God has directed us to do.**

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

