

STUDIES FROM THE WORD OF GOD



M.A.T.U.R.E. CHRISTIAN LIVING: FOLLOWING CHRIST SERIES

**This message is to encourage, instruct, and correct the Body of Christ in
M.A.T.U.R.E. Christian Living**

Proverbs 14:12

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

**There are two paths in life. There is a path that leads to life and there is a path that
leads to death.**

“What’s Your Path?”

- I. **IN ORDER TO PROPERLY ANSWER THIS QUESTION, WE MUST GIVE OURSELVES A SPIRITUAL CHECK UP. WE MUST EXAMINE OURSELVES TO DETERMINE WHETHER WE ARE IN THE FAITH (2Corinthians 13:5)**
 - A. The Word of God admonishes us to: Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established (Proverbs 4:26); To consider your ways (Haggai 1:5)
 - B. The Old Testament Scripture warns us to not be deceived regarding our way of life or path of life.
 1. In the Hebrew(*derek*), **Way** means: a course of life, a course of travel, an attitude, conduct, a manner of moral character **Worship**
 2. In the Hebrew(*orach*), **Path** means: a well trodden or worn road (literally or figuratively) **of righteousness or wickedness/life or death**
 - C. What is our life? Is it convenient and easy (*a way that seems right*) or does it come with a price? Is it hard? (read Matthew 7:13-14)
 1. **“For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”**
(Philippians 1:21)
 2. **To live** means to enjoy real life that is found only in Christ, to be satisfied and totally fulfilled by Him and depending on Him alone! A desire to develop eternal values necessary for eternal and abundant life. **Is that our conviction or is it someone else’s?**

3. To die is gain...Are we confident in our salvation? Let no one (no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater) deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience; workers of iniquity, those who have no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God (Ephesians 5:5-6) “Pray this prayer...LORD come into my heart, and you will be a Christian and your salvation is secure”
4. Read Luke 9:23-25

II. OBEDIENCE AND FAITHFULNESS IS THE EVIDENCE OF OUR LEVEL OF TRUST IN THE LIFE THAT CHRIST PROVIDES FOR US

- A. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your *ways* acknowledge Him and He shall direct your *paths* (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- B. How is our level of trust? Do we have total confidence in the Person, works, promises, and provision of Christ? Or do we trust in our own abilities? Do we have a trust issue? **Well it is impossible to please God with a trust issue.**
- C. Is He our Bread of Life, The Door of our Salvation, The Way, The Truth, and The Life? Then “Enter by the narrow gate”
 1. Trust and Obey, for there’s no other way to be happy (fulfilled and satisfied) in Jesus, but to trust and obey! – John Henry Sammis

III. GOD’S WORD PROMISES THAT WHEN WE ACKNOWLEDGE HIM IN ALL OUR WAYS, THAT HE SHALL DIRECT OUR PATHS

- A. Seek to have a healthy intimate relationship with Christ and acknowledge Him as your LORD and Savior in the way that you live.

THEREFORE, CHOOSE WISELY THE PATH AND COURSE OF LIFE. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS DIFFICULT BUT STAY THE COURSE....CHRIST IS WORTH IT!!!!!!! Stay the course: a phrase used in the context of war or battle, meaning to pursue a difficult goal or task, to the end, regardless of the obstacles. It originated as a nautical metaphor on maintaining a constant, unfaltering course while navigating under extreme conditions.

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