

The Narrow Path

Series: WWJD.. Today? The Foundational Teachings of Jesus for Today's World

1. Matthew 7:13-14 (Enter through the _____ gate)
 - a. Large Cities vs. Small Cities
2. The easy path leads to _____ and the difficult path leads to ease.
3. The narrow path leads to the kingdom of God, both in this life & the life to come, and the kingdom is found within the _____ gate.
4. Don't look for _____ to God. The market is flooded with surefire, easygoing formulas for a successful life that can be practiced in your spare time. Don't fall for that stuff, even though crowds of people do. The way to life—to God!—is vigorous and requires total attention.
5. Building your house on a solid foundation requires work, discipline, and sacrifice- all qualities of the narrow path.
6. Many people say "Free & light living is found on the wide & easy path"
 - a. no true nourishment; nothing fills you up; although you have eaten all this candy, empty inside; you feel ill; no foundation
7. "The only way to free & light living is in a disciplined, self-controlled life lived for God & His kingdom. The only way to free & light living is on the _____ path.
 - a. Only _____ can give you hope, forgiveness, and abiding peace in the depths of your soul
8. You must _____ your soul, get into shape, walk the straight & narrow, and seek the small city set on the hill
 - a. Starting point..... Confess your sins & accept Christ
 - b. 7 Disciplines for the Journey
 1. Attend Public Worship regularly (when not sick, out of town, or at work) - deer stand, lake view, camping, etc. is not worship (only feeling God's immanent presence... very different things)
 2. Daily Bible study
 3. Daily _____ Time
 4. Get debt-free & Tithe 10% of your income to God (*both*)
 5. Share your faith (in conversations with friends, family, etc.)
 6. Serve Christ by helping other people in need
 7. Spend quality time with Christian friends
9. Seek first God's kingdom & His righteousness, then all those other things will be added unto you, Stay on the narrow path that leads to God's kingdom, then all those other things will be added unto you.

1. narrow 2. difficulty 3. small 4. shortcuts 7. narrow a. Jesus 8. exercise 3. prayer