

# LESSON 8

## THE WAY TO THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM

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## The Way to the Heavenly Kingdom

Teaching	Meaning
<b>Verse 14: For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.</b>	The wide gate and the broad way represent the _____. This path is _____ but leads to _____.
<b>Verse 14: Enter by the narrow gate</b>	The way that leads to _____ is _____. This path is for the people who follow Christ's _____ and God's _____.
<b>Verses 7:15-20: What is bearing "good fruit"?</b>	A good fruit refers to good _____ or behavior. The Bible lists the fruit of the Spirit as "_____, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, _____, gentleness, self-control."
<b>Verses 15-20: What is a "good tree"?</b>	A person who always examines themselves _____ to make sure that they have good _____, and that they listen to and _____ the word of God daily.
<b>Verses 24-27: Who is the rock and who is the house?</b>	
<b>Verses 24-27: What do the people who build their house on the rock do?</b>	People who build on the rock _____ the word of God and put it into _____.
<b>Verses 24-27: What do the rain, the flood, and the winds refer to?</b>	These refer to any form of a trial or _____ that may come to any one of us. This includes persecution, the many _____ of this world, being deceived by money and riches, etc.
<b>Conclusion</b>	The way to the heavenly kingdom is about obeying God's _____ and living out God's _____.

## Bearing Good Fruit

**Instructions:** Read the short testimony and answer the questions below.

There was a very hardworking couple in our church. They owned a restaurant and did their best every day to run their business. They opened every day except Saturday, the Sabbath day. For any restaurant owner, this would be a foolish thing to do, as the weekends are the busiest days of the week, because more people have time to go out. Thus, Saturday would be one of the days when they would make the most money. But they knew that they had to keep the Sabbath holy and not do any work that day. They did not worry that they would lose money. Every Saturday, they attended service all day at church while the other restaurants around their area stayed open.



Each Sunday, they would open their restaurant again. And something miraculous always happened: they noticed that on Sundays they made double the amount of money. When they reopened on Sundays, they would gain the extra amount that they lost from closing on Saturdays. How wonderful!

God was showing them that if they make the right choices in their lives, obey God's command and live out God's word, there is nothing to worry about.

*"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:33)*

### Questions

1. What did the couple do on Saturday? What happened the next day on Sunday, when the couple reopened the restaurant?
  
2. Which path is this couple traveling on, the narrow or the wide? What is the evidence?
  
3. This couple bore good fruit because they had good motives and \_\_\_\_\_ to and \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God daily.
  
4. How is this couple like people who build their house on the rocks?
  
5. Think of a time when you had to choose between the narrow path and the wide path. Explain which path you chose and why you chose that particular path.

**Slow to Anger**

**Instructions:** Read the story below and answer the questions that follow.

Terry loved his little brother, but found him to be very annoying at times. One day while Terry was away at school, his little brother got into his room, took everything out of the closet and piled it all on the bed.

When Terry got home and found the mess, he flew into an angry rage. He stormed around the house looking for him, but when he could not find his brother, he became even angrier. Finally, he found his brother playing in the neighbor's yard. He yelled at him, "Did you come in my room and mess everything up?"

His little brother, shaking with fear, said, "Yes, I was in your room, but I..."

"Why were you in my room?" Terry snapped back. "Why are you touching my stuff? You took everything out and didn't put anything back!"

Terry's brother continued, "I didn't mess up your room. I was cleaning the closet for you. Some food fell inside your closet and it started to smell."

**Questions**

1. How do you think Terry felt after his little brother explained why he was in his room?
2. Feeling anger is not wrong, but how might Terry have reacted to the mess in his bedroom if he had correctly understood the situation?
3. Did you ever become angry quickly, only to find out later that you misunderstood the situation?



<b>The Three Steps to Victory in Christ</b>
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**Instructions:** Read Colossians 3:1-10, 12-14. Fill in the blanks in the tables below.

## Step 1: Take Off Our Old Self

List the things that you would like to get rid of, such as anger, lies, and things of the world. Try to be as specific as possible.

Old Self	
1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.

## Step 2: Put On Christ

### Step 3: Renew Our Minds

In the first column below, briefly describe how you will take off the old things listed in Step 1 above. In the second column, list some things you will do to renew yourself daily, such as read the Bible, spend time practicing God's word at home (by doing chores or helping your parents), set aside time in prayer, or ask for the fullness of the Holy Spirit to grant us the strength to put off our old self and renew our minds.

How I Will Remove the Old Self	Ways I Will Renew My Mind
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

