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Living Life in the Kingdom of God

The Enemy

Matthew 7:13-27

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THE ENEMY

_____ is _____. It is a force in your life and in the world that is destructive and corrosive.

Because we don't see _____ as our _____, we often fail to recognize our urgent need for God and marginalize what God has done and can do in our lives.

TWO GATES & TWO ROADS

Jesus is the _____. "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6

The problem we have with Christianity is that it _____ our _____ with _____ and we don't necessarily want to let go of our sin.

FALSE PROPHETS

_____ and _____ are intertwined. Evaluate a person not just by their words, but by their lives. Is Jesus their Lord or just the platform they are using?

TRUE DISCIPLES

There is a difference between knowing a lot about God, attending church and being active religiously and having a _____ interpersonal _____ with God through Christ.

BUILD YOUR LIFE ON CHRIST AND IT WILL STAND

Step 1: Realize _____ is your _____

Step 2: _____ sin and _____ your life on Christ - trusting Him with the forgiveness of your sin and letting Him lead your whole life.

Step 3: Trust, follow, obey, enjoy, and rejoice in _____, knowing that now your life is with _____.

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¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

¹⁵ "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

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