

Straight Is the Gate – Part 2

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Matthew 7:14 – Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

After reading Matthew Henry's Commentary regarding this scripture, I sit here asking the Lord to help my soul! What I hear in my spirit is that there is this narrow way that we are all striving for and that some of us have forgotten is there – and as well we should strive because if we don't then we tend to think we achieved something more than we have. We have the blood of Jesus poured out to us offering us hope and freedom from sin and the cares of this world but we have to strive for it.

Our old things have to pass away and we must daily devote ourselves, moment by moment to working towards the higher calling we find in Christ Jesus our Lord!

This is not a "strike fear in the hearts of man" message, I don't intend to throw hope overboard here, in fact – I hope I do the opposite and encourage us all to strive – really strive this year to grow closer to the Lord and further from the world and it's increasing messages of anti-Christ.

The word the Lord gave me for 2016 was a year of becoming... becoming more like Christ involves making decisions that go against the grain of our human nature. Our spirit is willing but our flesh is weak. The Lord didn't say the Gate was unapproachable – He didn't say the Gate was closed – but He did warn that it was a narrow way to the Gate and that few find it.

We don't want to go through this year turning a blind eye to things that need to be addressed, in our lives and in the lives of those we meet. One area in particular that I would appreciate your prayers is not being afraid to share the Gospel of Jesus with people who get in my car when I'm working for Uber. I have precious minutes that the Lord could use me and I want to be used!

Father – I pray for those who need help in striving to be all that we were created to be while we are here making our way through this dry and weary land. Lord help us to strive and purpose to take the narrow way even when the wide way seems so much easier. Thank You Father for giving us boldness and a love that shatters the hardened hearts of man that You can do Your part through us because we were available for You and may we walk this narrow way and approach Your gates – and let Your glory come in – Who is the King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty – Open up the gates!! We are looking for You Lord, today and always!! IN Jesus name – Amen.

Psalm 24:7-10 – Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. ⁸ Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle. ⁹ Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah

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