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## MATTHEW 7:13-14 ESV

<sup>13</sup> “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup> For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.’





# Destruction

The **termination** of something by causing so much damage to it that it cannot be **repaired** or no longer exists.



wide

easy

destruction

many

wide		narrow
easy		hard
destruction	vs.	life
many		few





Do you actually **believe** what Jesus is teaching here at the end of the Sermon on the Mount?



Which way are you  
currently **choosing**?



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Three evidences of being **found**



## JOHN 15:8 ESV

<sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.





## MATTHEW 7:20 NLT

<sup>20</sup> Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.





The **fruits** don't lie.





# Evidence 1

Are you moving from pride, superiority, judgment, fear to **love**?

## 1 PETER 4:8 NLT

<sup>8</sup> Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.





## 1 JOHN 3:11 NLT

<sup>11</sup> This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another.



## 1 JOHN 3:14-15 NLT

<sup>14</sup> If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. <sup>15</sup> Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them.







## Evidence 2

Are you moving from ego, arrogance, self-centeredness, to humility and **others**?

## PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4 ESV

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.





## JAMES 4:6 ESV

<sup>6</sup> But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”





## Evidence 3

Are you moving from mine, greed, accumulation, to **generosity**, sharing, thankfulness?



## MATTHEW 6:31-32 NLT

<sup>31</sup> “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.”



## LUKE 12:16-21 NLT

<sup>16</sup> Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. <sup>17</sup> He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ <sup>18</sup> Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones.





## LUKE 12:16-21 NLT

Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. <sup>19</sup> And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"



## LUKE 12:16-21 NLT

<sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’”

<sup>21</sup> “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”





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If you are **lost**, how  
do you **find** Jesus?

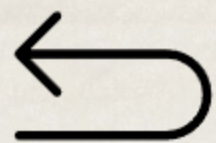


## ACTS 2:37-38 ESV

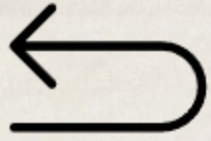
<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”







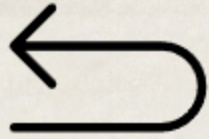
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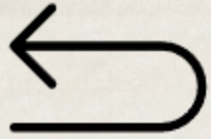




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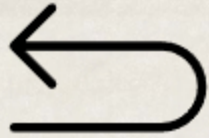
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