



The Preaching of Jesus
Matthew 7 - Two Choices in Life

Two lifestyles

(1-11)

Judgmental
Prayerful

- Matt 7:1-5 “Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.
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- 7:7-11 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Two pathways (13-19)

Narrow way
Broad way

- 13-14 “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

- 16-19 “Beware of false prophets.. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Two destinies **(21-29)**



Wise builder
Foolish builder

- 21-23 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.
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- 24-29 “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock.. but everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand..

Two destinies

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- Wise builder
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— 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

— 28-29 And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹ for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.



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