

# Ecclesiastes Chapter 2 – Lesson 2

Matthew 7:13-14

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

**Job and Solomon chose different inviters, gates and ways! Which will you choose?**



"There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job ... this man was the greatest of all the people of the East. Job 1:1-3

## The devil went down to Uz, he was looking for a soul to steal!

"So Satan answered the Lord and said, "Does Job fear God for \_\_\_\_\_? . . . <sup>11</sup> But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely \_\_\_\_\_ You to Your face!" <sup>12</sup> And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power..." Job 1:9-12 nothing curse

"<sup>20</sup> Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and \_\_\_\_\_.  
<sup>21</sup> And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_, and the Lord has \_\_\_\_\_ away..." Job 1:20-22  
worshiped gave taken

## The devil always loses when we ask and receive Holy Spirit help!

"<sup>4</sup> I made my works great, I built myself houses, and planted myself vineyards. <sup>5</sup> I made myself gardens and orchards, and I planted all kinds of fruit trees in them..." Ecclesiastes 2:4-6

## Solomon chose the wide gate and broad way for most of his life!

"<sup>7</sup> I acquired male and female servants, and had servants born in my house. Yes, I had \_\_\_\_\_ possessions of herds and flocks than all who were in \_\_\_\_\_ before me." Ecclesiastes 2:7,8 greater Jerusalem

"<sup>3</sup> I searched in my heart how to \_\_\_\_\_ my flesh...<sup>10</sup> Whatever my eyes \_\_\_\_\_ I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any \_\_\_\_\_." Ecclesiastes 2:4  
gratify desired pleasure

**Later in life Solomon exited the easy way and entered the difficult way that leads to life:**  
"Therefore I \_\_\_\_\_ life because the work that was done under the sun was \_\_\_\_\_ to me, for all is \_\_\_\_\_ and grasping for the wind." Ecclesiastes 2:17 hated distressing vanity

**Paul 's life illustrated what having the Mind of Christ is!**

Philippians 2:5

<sup>5</sup> Let this \_\_\_\_\_ be in \_\_\_\_\_ which was also in Christ Jesus, **mind you**

Philippians 2:21

<sup>21</sup> For all \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. **seek own**

Philippians 3:8-9

“...I have suffered the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.” **loss gain**



**Jesus defined what being a Christian is:** "...If anyone \_\_\_\_\_ to come after \_\_\_\_\_, let him \_\_\_\_\_ himself, and take up his \_\_\_\_\_, and follow Me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever desires to \_\_\_\_\_ his life will lose it, but whoever \_\_\_\_\_ his life for My sake will save it. <sup>25</sup> For what \_\_\_\_\_ is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?" Luke 9:23-25  
**desires Me deny cross daily save loses profit**

**Solomon learned that his accomplishments “under the sun” (without God) would eventually be left to someone else:**

<sup>18</sup> Then I \_\_\_\_\_ all my labor in which I had toiled \_\_\_\_\_, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me. <sup>19</sup> And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? . . . <sup>20</sup> Therefore I turned my heart and despaired of all the labor in which I had toiled under the sun. <sup>21</sup> For there is a man whose labor *is* with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he must \_\_\_\_\_ his heritage to a man who has not labored for it. This also *is* vanity and a great evil.” Ecclesiastes 2:18-21

**Solomon knew that all of his accomplishments for the Lord would benefit him in the next life!**

**hated under the sun leave**



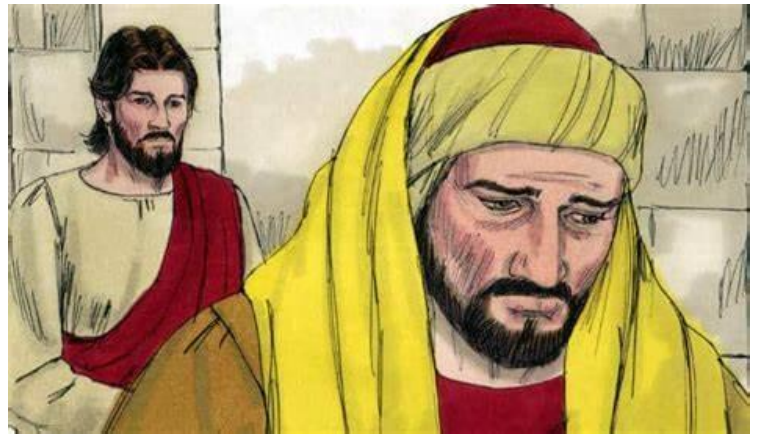
**Jesus offered this young man an extremely wonderful deal! But the young man rejected it:**

<sup>18</sup> Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>19</sup> So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' " <sup>21</sup> And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." <sup>22</sup> So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him,

" \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_."

**You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."**

“But \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.<sup>24</sup> And when Jesus saw that he became  
very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those  
who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!<sup>25</sup> For  
it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a  
needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of  
God." Luke 18:18-25  
when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for  
he was very rich.



**What is the secret to contentment in this life?** The secret to contentment is recognizing that every person, place and thing “under the sun” (without God), is not worth holding onto!!



"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like  
treasure hidden in a field, which a man found  
and hid; and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and buys that field. Matthew 13:44  
for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls,<sup>46</sup> who, when he  
had found one pearl of great price, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
bought it." Matthew 13:45-46  
went and sold all that he had