

This Way Seems Right

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1 NKJV Proverbs 16:25 “*There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.*”

2 It is not what *seems* right but what *is* right according to Jesus—He is John 14:6 “*The way, the truth, and the life*”—*no one* on earth reaches Paradise any other way.

3 The words we speak; The way we treat people; and our response to everything is *verbal* and *visible* evidence we are either *regressing* or *progressing* to the person Jesus describes *in the Gospels*.

4 We are going in *one* of *two* directions—either *toward* God or *away* from Him.

5 We must think about the *doctrine* we live by; the *attitudes* we have; and *what* takes up most of our time?

6 After giving honest answers—we can ask one more: Are we *heading* in the *right* direction to the *right* place by obeying the only Words we can trust?

7 *Thoughtful* questions compel *honest* answers—like: Can we *live* any way we want and still get to Heaven?

8 Can we *hold* bitter feelings toward someone and still have eternal life?

9 Can we *depend* on drugs and still be on the path to Paradise?

10 Can we *keep* security money in a bank and still be a faithful believer of Christ?

11 The devil has millions of people create their *own* ideas about what is the *right* way. But doing things *our way* feeds *our pride*.

12 There is “*No new thing under the sun*” Ecclesiastes 1:9—all supposed *new ideas* are just *old ideas* from the *same* enemy—the devil and deceiver who wants to *defile* our conscience and *destroy* our soul.

13 The right way is having *resentment gone* and *pride removed* from our heart—that is the *right way* to the *right place*. It is the request to put before God every day.

14 Our *faith* must be on the resurrection power of *Christ* concerning all issues of daily living.

15 NKJV 1 John 4:7 “*Let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God*” Psalm 83:18.

16 John 17:3 “*This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*”

17 It is the *choice* God gave everyone—AV Deuteronomy 30:19 “*I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life*”—choose the *right way*; the *Christlike* way that *loves* people; *forgives* everyone; and *prays* for those who persecute us.

18 Every day we make many and important decisions on a variety of issues. We can choose to *follow* the *Word* or *follow* the *world*. We can choose to *believe* and be saved

or *rebel* and be lost. *Choices* determine *direction* and *destination*!

19 Millions in the world think they are okay *without faith* in God or without *trusting* Jesus for salvation—it may *seem* right but it is *not* right and will take them to where no one wants to go.

20 Trusting Jesus for salvation is trusting on the faithfulness of God. It is a *primary* issue because—NKJV John 17:3 “*This is eternal life, that they may know You.*”

21 Knowing God’s Word and reading His Truth every day is a priority matter—it keeps us going in the *right direction* to the *right place*.

22 Knowing what Jesus *said* guards against what someone may *think*. Knowing what the Bible is *teaching* guards against what someone may be *preaching*.

23 Sadducees believed there is no resurrection—accepting that *wrong belief* would lead to the *wrong place*! Jesus said to them AV Matthew 22:29 “*Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*”

24 It is a *serious error* because not knowing the *Scriptures* and not knowing the *power* of God would keep someone from *trusting* God.

25 The Bible is *not* a *buffet* from which to *pick* and *choose* what we think is good—and ignoring what we think does *not* fit into our plans.

26 The *pride* in our heart wants us to *follow our heart*—but that way can be a very *wrong* way and leading to a very *wrong* place. AV Proverbs 16:25 “*There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*”

27 Those on the *left*, Jesus said, followed a *wrong* way and those on the *right* went in the *right* way toward Paradise—

28 AV Matthew 25:41 “*Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.*”

29 Those on His left showed no *mercy*; had no *love* or *forgiveness* toward people even though they should readily give all three to them.

30 They asked why their *fate* was so *dreadful*—it was because they did *not* have the *love of God* in their heart.

31 AV Matthew 25:45 “*Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.*”

32 46 *And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous*—who had the *love of God* in their heart and who were *ready to help* and *forgive* those who needed it—“*into life eternal.*”

33 If any religious teaching says Deuteronomy 13:2 “*Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them*” it must be totally rejected—as it would take us in the wrong direction.

34 *Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet.*” It is a test so God would “*know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.*”

35 The right *plan* that leads to the right *destination*. Deuteronomy 13:4 “*Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.*”

If any teaching is *not* the *Truth* of the Bible, we must reject it.

36 Today is *not* the day to *water down* a spiritual message on *faith* and *trust*—it is *not* the time to *compromise* on *faith* issues—but it *is* time to stand up and speak up for God’s Truth. Jeremiah 23:29 “*Is not My word like a fire?*” says the LORD.”

37 What *seems right* compared to what *God says is right* is the theme of this lesson.

38 We can be *sincere* and *wrong* if we substitute what we *think* for what *God says*. The *Word* will always set us straight—the way of Jesus is the only way and narrow gate into Paradise Matthew 7:13.

39 The greatest danger is something that is *deceptive*—because the human “*heart is deceitful above all things*” Jeremiah 17:9.

40 “*All we like sheep have gone astray*” Isaiah 53:6. Jesus said “*I am the way;*” Trust in the Name of Jesus will get us into Heaven Acts 4:12.

41 The wide road is attractive and many are on it; It demands *little* and *avoids* repentance. It *promises* freedom but *ends* in disaster. The *narrow* road requires *repentance, faith* and *obedience*.

42 Truth is not measured by popularity—Noah, Elijah, the prophets, and even Jesus often stood alone—Truth is measured by Scripture.

43 The apostle warned 1 Timothy 4:16 “*Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them.*”

44 Are we acting and talking like Jesus said we should? Is God’s Word correcting *me*? Or am I correcting God’s *Word*?

45 Am I producing *fruit* of the Spirit or producing *words* like the world? If I continue on my present path, where will it end?

46 Corinthians 13:5 “*Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves*” or we could be *disqualified*.

47 There is *one direction* to go and *one eternity* to receive. AV John 8:31 “*If ye continue in my word, [Jesus said] then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free!*”

48 To continue in obedience to the Word will free us from sin; free us from resentment; free our heart from unscriptural attitudes; and guard us from deception—heading us in the wrong direction to the wrong place!

49 The first thing Jesus said to His disciples when asked Matthew 24:3 “*What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?*”

50 Jesus answered 4 “*Watch out that no one deceives you.*”

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