

TOO MUCH TO GAIN TO LOSE

Matthew 7:13-14 ... "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. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."

Today's devotional title, is the title of an old gospel song written by Dottie Rambo. It may seem confusing, but when you break down this song title, you find real truth.

When you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior, whether it was at age five or fifty, you turned a corner in your journey of life. You left the wide and crowded road that most of the world is taking to hell, and you started on the narrow path to heaven. The Bible calls these roads wide and easy, or narrow and difficult. The way to hell is easy because no one has any expectations of you and you will have many friends who travel it with you. The way to heaven is traveled by only a few people and is more difficult because you may be persecuted for your beliefs, you must humbly submit to God, and you will experience trials that help you grow.

It is important to understand that being a "believer" is not necessarily the same as being a born again Christian. Many people in the world believe that God exists, but they choose to ignore him anyway. If you are born again, you KNOW that Jesus is Lord, you know him personally, and you live to serve him and him alone. The way to heaven is traveled by KNOWERS. Today's title can be understood to say: The hope and promise of heaven is too great to lose by choosing the devil instead of God. The eternal joy God promises you for serving him, is too great to lose for the fleeting pleasures of sin.

A verse from the song reads: "Too many miles behind me. Too many trials are through. Too many tears help me remember. There's just too much to gain to lose."

If you are feeling discouraged, or the challenges of life seem too tough, or friends are inviting you to choose the wide road they have chosen, please do not give up. You can never succeed by following a failure (satan). Confess your discouragement to God, share it with your pastor or another godly friend, and ask God to help you through the trial you are experiencing. You have too much to gain to lose.

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