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#### **Our Praise Theme**

Together we praise God who Gives Good Things!

#### **Our Prayer Theme**

Together we pray that we grow in our distinction from the world even as we engage the world with the gospel

#### **Our Memory Verse**

The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.

~Proverbs 21:1

#### **Our Missionary**

Mike & Teresa Gardner are full-time church planting helpers currently serving with Pastor Frost at Solid Rock Baptist Church in Bellefontaine, OH. Please pray for their health (against COVID-19) as they hand out John and Romans booklets there.



#### **Our Gatherings**

Sunday @ 10:30 AMMain Worship Service

Sunday @ 5:00 PM ONLINE ONLY

See your group leader for Discipleship group meeting plans

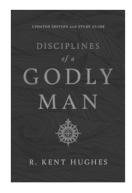
## **Announcements**

### Get the July edition of Anchored in the Word

Be sure to pick up this month's Bible study companion from the foyer today. A digital version can also be downloaded from the church website. Look for "Anchored in the Word" in the resources section.



### **Available this Week: COVID-19 Themed Gospel Tracts**



The next monthly men's meeting is Saturday, August 8th in the Church Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM. Come prepared to discuss chapter five of the comapnion study book. This book may be purchased in the church bookstore or online. Face coverings and social distancing measures will be in effect as usual.

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# Song #1 – O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above, And gratefully sing His wonderful love; Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days, Pavilioned in splendor, And girded with praise.

O tell of His might, and sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space; His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail; Thy mercies how tender! how firm to the end! Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

# Song #2 – Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way; the sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.

I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will, and if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed:
You suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah, all I have is Christ! Hallelujah, Jesus is my life!

Now Lord, I would be Yours alone, and live so all might see the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me. O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose, and let my song forever be: "My only boast is You!"

## Song #3 – Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord
In the Light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise,
Not a cloud in the skies,
But his smile quickly drives it away,
Not a doubt or a fear,
Not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows,
And the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Give this to someone this week!

# be different be blessed

Message Title: Choosing the Narrow Way
Matthew 7:13-14   Sunday AM, July 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2020   Pastor Allen Cox
<sup>13</sup> Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: <sup>14</sup> Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.
Introduction

1. We must Choose the Right Path	3. But the Destination is Worth Everything
2. The Right Path Costs Something	

#### **Sermon Application Questions**

- 1. Share an example of how reaching a goal or receiving a reward motivated you to endure a difficult circumstance
- 2. Based on our text, do you believe that heaven will be sparsely populated? Why or why not?
- 3. The "golden rule" is a popular concept but the "narrow gate" is very unpopular. How can these two concepts can be next to each other in Scripture but worlds apart in our culture?
- 4. Share how a particular Christian experience was initially unattractive but has grown on you the longer you've been a Christian.


My Prayer Journal

**BE A DOER**. Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you mediate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

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