

## Walking the Narrow Road

### Scripture Reading — Matthew 7:12-14

*“In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.”  
—Matthew 7:12 —*

“I don’t really need religion; I just try to be a good person and live by the Golden Rule.” It’s not uncommon to hear people talk like this, and usually they are trying to minimize God’s demand for how we should live. As long as we treat others as we want to be treated, God should accept us—right?

Have you ever stopped to consider how demanding Jesus’ words truly are? How challenging it is to meet the needs of others with the same creativity, energy, spontaneity, and devotion that we want from others! No wonder Jesus describes this way of life as narrow and small. Jesus points out that only a few are walking on this road.

Are you prepared to love your overbearing employer with kindness and courtesy? Are you willing to sacrificially meet the needs of your spouse, even if your needs aren’t met? Will you care for the least lovely persons around you without expecting anything in return? How about those who are truly difficult to love?

When we are being transformed by the love of Jesus, we can walk this way of life. Jesus alone lived and loved this way. And he calls us to follow, serving not in our own strength but in his. How will his love empower you to love others with his kindness today?

### Prayer

*Merciful God, you love us in ways we do not deserve. Teach us to imitate your compassion. Fill us with your strength and love. Melt our hearts, that we may desire nothing more than to walk the road with you that leads to life. Amen.*

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