

**Proverbs 4**  
Opposite Paths

*Pay attention ...*

**I. Listen to Your Father**

- A. There are Man's Ways
- B. There Are God's Ways

**II. Love God's Commands**

- A. Embrace Wisdom
- B. Shun Evil

**III. Hear the Wisdom of Jesus**

- A. Wide is the Gate
- B. Narrow is the Way

**IV. Opposing Paths**

- A. Deepening Darkness
- B. Brightening Light

*... and live.*

**Children, Listen ...**

1. Where do we learn about the way to eternal life?
2. Do we also learn how to live our life day to day in the same place?
3. Jesus says there are two ways to go. Can you fill in the blank?

Matthew 7:13-14

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to D \_\_\_\_\_, and those who enter by it are many.

For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to L \_\_\_\_\_, and those who find it are few.

**Brighter & Brighter**

A consistent theme in Scripture in general emphasizes the fact that there are only two paths to follow in the end. There is man's way which leads to death and God's way that leads to life. Along the pathway our lives will reflect one or the other. This is not to say that unregenerate man cannot do "good" and be morally decent – and it does not mean that saints of God are perfect by any stretch of the imagination. What it does mean is that our spiritual status will be increasingly evident over time. Those who continue in unbelief will increasingly display the mind of darkness. It may not always manifest itself through outrageously wicked behavior, but the darkness will be evident. On the other hand, the saints of God waling in the way of life through Christ will increasingly reflect his presence in their lives. It will not manifest itself in an angelic glow, but the light of life in Jesus will be increasingly evident in those who love the Lord, love His commandments and walk in His ways.