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**Just Off Broadway**

Matthew 7:13-14 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: (14) Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (KJV)

It seems like with many that enter the ministry that they all seem to follow the same path and make the same footprints on a broad way that our Lord didn’t intend for them to be on. There is still a few left that are willing to step out in faith, walking on a path that is not so popular or heavily travelled. You will find in your own walk that the path that our Lord is asking you to follow is totally different from what you may have thought of, which again is why few end up finding it.

Galatians 5:16-18 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. (17) For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. (18) But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. (KJV)

Ever experience that tug of war going on, where you see many headed one way, yet you know the Lord is leading another? How about when the Lord is asking you to do something that although it is pleasing to Him, it’s the last thing you want do? Yeah, that would be a good indicator that you are on the right path and heading in the right direction as well. Even though the things of God are not something that you would have ever thought of or planned out, you still have that peace knowing it is of God.

Colossians 3:13-15 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. (14) And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. (15) And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. (KJV)

Remember that stuff about loving your enemies and doing good to those that would despitefully use you and take advantage of you as well? Yeah, while you’re walking that straight and narrow path that our Lord chose for you, there are many others who won’t think so highly of your choice. Despite where the many choose to walk and what path they choose to follow, and yes I include many who call themselves Christians, it’s up to you personally to know for sure that you are where you need to be by letting the peace of God rule in all your decisions despite what the outward would try to dictate.

Isaiah 55:7-9 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (8) For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. (9) For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. (KJV)

The Bible says that the carnal mind is enmity with God, because it is limited and unable to see things from His perspective. It’s only when you forsake your own thoughts and ways that you will be able to follow a much better way, and the only one that will lead unto eternal life.

Proverbs 16:25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (KJV)

So you had things planned out and were all set to proceed forward only to find out it wasn’t peaceable. So what will you do from this point forward; will you walk by faith, or will you stay put by sight and what you perceive as truth? Notice also, that what started out as way (singular) gets complicated when we lean back to our own understanding.