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**Matt. 19:23-26**

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that **it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.** <sup>24</sup> And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>25</sup> When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" <sup>26</sup> But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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**Luke 13:23-24**

<sup>23</sup> Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them, <sup>24</sup> "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able."

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If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

- Easy is overrated.
- Many things in striving to live the Christian life are in fact extremely difficult to accomplish but very much worth the effort – **Lk. 9:23**



- In fact - the easy way is usually the **WRONG** way! – **Matt. 7:13-14**

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You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

Modern Examples of Religion Made Easy

- Salvation by “faith ONLY” – **Jas 2:24**
- “Once Saved Always Saved” – **2 Pet 1:5-10**
- No need to search for truth – **Acts 17:11**
- Easier to please self, rather than doctrine & holiness – **Rom 14:17; 1 Pet 1:13ff**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Christianity – **Jud. 2:7-10; Rom 10:17**

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- ~ Joseph – **Gen. 39:7-12**
- ~ Moses – **Heb 11:24-28**
- ~ Joshua & Caleb – **Num. 13:30; 14:6-9**
- ~ Jeroboam – **1 Ki 12:25-30**
- ~ Peter – **Matt 26:69-75 . . . Acts 2:14ff**

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- Easier To Preach Than Practice...
- Easier To Say “I Want The Truth” Than to Receive It & Apply It
- Easier To Criticize Than To Help Find a Solution...
- Easier To Say “I Love You” Than To Love... **1 Cor. 13:4-8**

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- Everything you can think of that is of great value is “easier said than done.” - **Matt. 13:44-45; Lk. 9:23**
  - “I want to go to heaven”
  - “I want to be a godly person”
  - “I want to know God’s Word”
  - “I want to break a bad habit”
  - “I want to help others”
  - “I want a great marriage”
  - “I want to teach others about Jesus”

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Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. ... I discipline my body and bring it into subjection...

- Taking consistent, persistent, focused action is easier said than done - **Jas. 2:14-26**
- Disciplining ourselves to rise above the distractions and put forth meaningful effort, is easier said than done – **1 Cor. 9:24-27**

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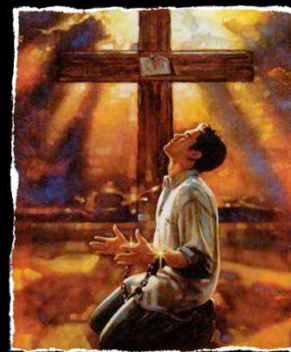
- Being Honest With Ourselves - **2 Cor. 13:5**
- Changing Our Attitudes & Thought Patterns - **Rom 12:1-2**
- Developing Genuine Humility - **1 Pet 5:6**
- Developing A Loving Heart - **1 Cor. 13:3-8**
- Forgiving Those Who Bring Us Pain - **Luke 17:3-4**

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- Obeying the gospel – **Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38**
- Assembling regularly for worship - **Heb 10:24-25**
- Serving where capable - **Rom 12:1-8**
- Faithful Living - **Eph 5:1-6:9**
- Resisting temptation / breaking free from sin - **Eph 6:10-18**

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“He who believes and is baptized will be saved...”

**Mk. 16:16**