

*Growing in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ... (2 Peter 3:18)*

## Chapter 2 – Self-Exertion

### Luke 13:22-30

22 And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and proceeding on His way to Jerusalem. 23 And someone said to Him, "Lord, are there just a few who are being saved?" And He said to them, 24 **"Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.** 25 Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know where you are from.' 26 "Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets'; 27 and He will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you are from; DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU EVILDOERS.' 28 In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out. 29 And they will come from east and west and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. 30 And behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."

I. **When Jesus was asked about salvation, He described it as a "narrow door [gate]" why are these words a good description of the salvation Jesus offers and provides?**

1. Who made this gate and how?

2. Why is this gate difficult to pass through? For whom is it particularly difficult?

3. Is this gate the only way into Heaven?

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4. Is this door/gate now open to any sinner?

5. Why should we be thankful if we have found this door/gate?

II. Jesus tells us to “Strive” to enter this “door/gate”, what SIX things does the word STRIVE teach us?

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- Do people STRIVE for other things?
- Can we STRIVE too much toward entering this gate?
- How should striving for other things compare to this striving? Why?



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**III. How will the value of things CHANGE upon Jesus' return?**

1. What things (examples) are typically valuable to people NOW!

2. What things will be most valuable when Christ comes back?

3. What does Proverbs 1:24-31 tell us about this?

*24 Because I called and you refused, I stretched out my hand and no one paid attention; 25 And you neglected all my counsel And did not want my reproof; 26 I will also laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your dread comes, 27 When your dread comes like a storm And your calamity comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you. 28 Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently but they will not find me, 29 Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the Lord. 30 They would not accept my counsel, They spurned all my reproof. 31 So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way And be satiated with their own devices.*

4. What is the mission Christ has for those already in the gate?