



# L.E.A.N. Letter

## Matthew 7:8

**"For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."**

† So, the door will not be opened because you did not knock, because you did not seek (in order to find), and because you did not ask (in order to receive).

- When the "door" is opened for you, rejoice. However, if you don't walk through the door, nothing happens. Being a seeker of truth is of no value if you do not ultimately take action and make a choice.

## Matthew 7:13-14

**"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. <sup>14</sup> But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."**

## Matthew 7:15

**"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves."**

## Matthew 7:18

**"A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit."**

† Though everyone's journey is different, and the outcome of our lives not the same, the fruits of the Holy Spirit are always the same in every person who follows Jesus (peace, patience, kindness, forbearance, etc. **Galatians 5:22-23**). The Holy Spirit does not discriminate, and EVERY believer has these same "fruits" since we all share the same Holy Spirit. So, without placing judgements on others, use this spiritual Truth to determine where someone else may be in their walk with Jesus if the fruits in their life are (or are not) evident. This will help you to know how to pray for a person, and/or determine if the person is truly saved (which is important for your own spiritual protection).

## Matthew 7:21-23

<sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

† To know Jesus is to have a relationship with Him, which begins with your vow to the Lord through the 2 steps of salvation (as explained in **Romans 10:9**). Like all relationships in life, it requires both parties to know one another on some personal level. It is not to be misconstrued with knowing OF someone.

## Matthew 9:17

**"Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."**

## Matthew 9:38

**"Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."**

## Matthew 10:1

**"Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness."**

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~ The inspired messages below each Scripture verse are intended to strengthen the body of Christ so that we can eliminate "obesity" of our spirit (unnecessary confusion and distraction). In doing so, this will set us apart from the world so that we can stand out as the mighty warriors we are called to be in Jesus' name! ~

May you be blessed, and may you "Live L.E.A.N. (Loving Everyone As Neighbors)...Live Long!"

~Scripture passages are cited using the NIV Holy Bible.~