



I saw this picture lately and it reminded me of the current stalemate in Washington. For about 12 days or so, the government has been in a status of partial shutdown. The Democratic party wants open borders and will not give our president the funding to build the wall that will protect our country from un-vetted aliens who wish to enter illegally. Many in the Republican party have rallied to the President's cause and have been encouraging him to stand firmly for wall funding. So- stalemate!

What difference does it make? All the difference in the world, for as a nation we decide who to allow into our nation and who should not. If this sounds a bit unfair to some of you, then consider the words of Jesus:

### Matthew 7 ([World English Bible](#))

<sup>13</sup> "Enter in by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many

are those who enter in by it. <sup>14</sup> How narrow is the gate, and restricted is the way that leads to life! Few are those who find it. ...

<sup>24</sup> “Everyone therefore who hears these words of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man, who built his house on a rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it didn’t fall, for it was founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> Everyone who hears these words of mine, and doesn’t do them will be like a foolish man, who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.”

To paraphrase: it is easy to go to destruction and difficult to into life (eternal life, that is). Later on in this same chapter, Jesus tells us the foundation of a lifestyle that will lead to heaven... heeding and doing what Jesus says to do.

Lastly: Be wise, listen to Jesus- REALLY LISTEN and do something about it; if you don’t you will wish you had. Remember, your everlasting life depends upon what you do!!!