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Anger, wide and easy. Peace, narrow and hard.
Lust, wide and easy. Love, narrow and hard.
Complaint, wide and easy. Thankfulness, narrow and hard.

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