



SINCERITY

TWO DIFFERENT RESPONSES

"HE ANSWERED AND SAID, I GO SIR, AND WENT NOT."

In study of this parable, we are reminded that the Bible repeatedly teaches that a child of God is called to work in His kingdom. What is your response to that call?

- To whom did Jesus address this parable? (Matt. 21:23)
- What did the man in the parable tell his son to do? (21:28)
- What was the response of the first son? (21:29)
He answered, "I _____: but afterward he _____ and _____."

- When asked to work in the vineyard, what was the response of the second son? (21:30) He answered, "I _____: and he _____."
- Who did the people agree did the will of the father? (21:31)



"Son, go work today in my vineyard."

- Who did Jesus say would enter the Kingdom of God before the chief priests and elders?

- How did Jesus explain this? (21:32)

"I WILL NOT, BUT AFTERWARDS HE REPENTED AND WENT"

Two sons, two different responses. How many parables can you list that compare two conditions? What is the spiritual significance of this?

- Discuss the response of the first son. Does this describe the response of the elect of God? (Compare: John 6:44)
- Discuss the response of the second son. Does this describe someone who is elect or not elect of God? (Compare: Matt 7:21)
- What does "the vineyard" spiritually represent?
- Rank the following reasons why we might be like the first son and originally "will not" want to work in the vineyard:
 - _____ We don't think we have time.
 - _____ We don't think we are capable.
 - _____ We don't like the "assignment."
 - _____ We think someone else would be better at it.
 - _____ Other:

- Rank the following areas how we might be like the second son and say "I go sir" and decide not to do the work of the vineyard:
 - _____ Forgiving the brethren
 - _____ Christian service
 - _____ Honoring the Sabbath
 - _____ Keeping God first in our daily lives
 - _____ Other:

- Why do you think Jesus picked out the publicans and harlots as a correlation? Luke 15:1; John 10:3-4

- Which of the disciples had been a tax collector? Which of God's chosen people had been a harlot? What is your view of the "publicans and harlots" around you?

- Do we expect our children to be sincere with their response to us? If not, what are the consequences?

- How can we be more sincere with our response to God?

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- REPENTED** - (Gr. 3338) to be careful and concerned with, regret; Used 5 times as an act of man. (Gr. 3340) to have another mind (Matt. 3:2) Used approximately 30 times as an act of God.
- PUBLICAN** - (Gr. 5057) a tax farmer; a collector of revenue. Regarded as traitors and apostates.
- HARLOT** - (Gr. 4204) "Porne" - a strumpet, whore. Fig. An idolator.
- DRAW** - (Gr. 1670) to drag (John 6:44)

VERSE of the WEEK

"Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."
-Matthew 7:21

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