

Why It's Easier For "Bad" People To Go To Heaven Than "Good" People
Parables and Miracles—Part 16
Matthew 21:28-32
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“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did what his father wanted?’ ‘The first,’ they answered. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.’” --Matthew 21:28-32

“All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.” --Romans 3:12

As we unpack this parable, be looking to see which son best describes your life in relationship with your Father:

1. The _____: Even if you've _____ God, you can still repent and obey Him

“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.” --Acts 2:38

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” --2 Peter 3:9

2. The _____: Your promises to God mean _____ unless you follow through with _____

Jesus said, “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”
--Luke 6:46

3. The _____: Go into the vineyard (world) and bring the “outcasts” to receive God's _____!

“Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’ ‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’ Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.’”
--Luke 14:21-23