

Trying To Fool God??

²⁸ "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ' Son, go work today in the vineyard.' ²⁹ And he answered, 'I will not'; but afterward he regretted it and went. ³⁰ The man came to the second and said the same thing; and he answered, 'I will, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; and you, seeing this, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him. Matt 21:28-32

1. The second son gave the FALSE IMPRESSION of obedience.

2. The religious leaders WERE LIKE the second son. (Mtt. 21:45)

3. The tax collectors/harlots were honest and ADMITTED their sin and need of God's grace.

4. The religious leaders sin is HYPOCRISY. (Mtt. 23:3)

5. God deals SERIOUSLY with this sin in our lives today. (Acts. 5:1-11)
 - A. They tried to IMPRESS others.
 - B. God shows the SERIOUSNESS of sin by STRIKING them dead.
 - C. The hypocrite DECEIVES themselves into thinking they are RIGHT with God.
 - D. The hypocrite lives for TODAY, not ETERNITY. (Heb. 4:13)

6. Let us PURSUE Christ and His HOLINESS. (Gal. 2:20)