

Matthew 21:28-32

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Have you ever been told by your parents as a child to go do something, whether it is to clean your room, vacuum, sweep the floors, etc? You sit there, and ask “why?” And sometimes you argue, simply because you do not understand the purpose of why you have to do said task. We have all been there at one point or another.

In the military, I have been told time and time again to do certain tasks that just do not make sense to me. I can think of many other ways to complete the task in a much easier and effective way. However, because my boss tells me to do it in a certain method, if I do not comply with the orders, I get penalized. Likewise, if someone else completes the task that I am given before me, then they receive all of the credit, and get rewarded for it.

This is similar to the scripture reading presented to us this morning, because there is a Son who is tasked with working in the vineyard. He denies his father, and is in turned punished by God. God says that the prostitutes and tax collectors will get granted acceptance into the Kingdom of God before him, because they do what is asked of them. These are people who are hated and looked down upon by many in society, yet God will accept them into His kingdom before a disloyal son.

This tells us that we need to have trust in God. Whatever he presents to us, we need to have faith that it is happening for a reason, and we just have to complete tasks without question. When parents ask us to do certain tasks or chores, perhaps we need to look at the bigger picture, as to why they might be asking us to do it. Perhaps there is company coming over. Perhaps the

house just has not been cleaned for a long time. Regardless, this scripture tells us to do what is asked of us, and we will be granted acceptance into the Kingdom of God.

This does not just go for doing what is asked of us, in a sense of physically being asked to do a certain job. We are asked to be good Christians by God. This means lending a helping hand when someone needs some assistance. Whether it is an elderly person struggling with some groceries or if a person slips and falls on the ice. We are called on by God to lend a hand however we can. It is the little things that make the big difference.

God will always forgive us of our past. We might have been a bad child, constantly misbehaving and never doing what is asked of us. We might have talked back to our parents, arguing about every little thing possible. We all learn from our mistakes, and God recognizes that and forgives us all of our wrong doings. It is important to leave the past behind and look at it as a learning experience. You learn from your past, and it makes you into the better person that you are now. When you do learn from it, and when you do reach out to others, then God will reach out to you with open arms, accepting you into His Kingdom of Glory. Amen.