

MESSAGE NOTES

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“FOLLOW THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS!”

Why did Jesus tell the Parable of the Two Sons? What was its setting?

READ Matthew 21:28-32

1) It's A Way of _____

Why were the tax collectors and prostitutes leading the way into heaven?

- *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near” (Matthew 3:3).*
- *“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29).*
- *“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).*

Why were the religious leaders not the leaders into heaven?

In what ways do we have the same self-righteous attitude in our hearts?

Where do we find the answer to our self-righteousness?

2) It's A Way of _____

Which of the two sons did what the father wanted?

What does it mean to work in the vineyard, to live in the way of righteousness?

- *“The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent” (John 6:29).*
- *“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:1-4).*

What does this look like in my life today?

- *“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever” (Isaiah 40:8).*
- *“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you’” (Hebrews 13:5).*