Doing the Will of the Father -Bearing Fruit

Matthew 21:28-32

Authority of Jesus

- Matthew 21:16 — It is written
- Matthew 21:16 — Have you never read
- Matthew 22:29 — You are mistaken not knowing the scriptures
- Matthew 22:31 — Have you not read what was spoken to you by God
- Matthew 22:40 — Law hangs on 2 commandments

What Do You Think?

	1st Son	2nd Son
Father Said	Go, work Today in My Vineyard	Go, work Today in My Vineyard

What Do You Think?

	1st Son	2nd Son
Son's Answer	I will not (rebellious)	I go, sir (respectful)

What Do You Think?

	1st Son	2nd Son
Afterward (v29)	Regretted it, went to work in the vineyard	Did not go

What Do You Think?

	1st Son	2nd Son
Did the will of his Father?	Yes	No

What Do You Think?

	1st Son	2nd Son
What did the Father want?	Fruit from the vineyard	Fruit from the vineyard

What Do You Think?

	1st Son	2nd Son
Who does this represent?	Tax Collectors & Harlots	Chief Priests & Elders (Jews)

What Do You Think?

	1st Son	2nd Son
Result	Honored God	Paid lip service

What Do You Think?

	1st Son	2nd Son
What is the fruit?	Regret & Followed John (way of Righteousness)	Not come to John & Not be baptised

What Do You Think?

	1st Son	2nd Son
Who was entering the KOG?	Yes	No

Son, go, work today in my vineyard

- Father to son (Authority)
- Command to go, do
- Standing order with priority & urgency
- There is a place where the fruit is to be harvested – not other fruit or other vineyard

Fruit - Way of Righteousness

- John was preparing a people for God
- Kingdom of Heaven was at hand
- Giving knowledge of salvation
- Repentance, Confession & Remission of sins
- Fruit worthy of repentance
- Many other exhortations

Fruit - Way of Righteousness

- Does not rest on laurels of Abraham
- Things that require repentance
- Legal
- Ethical/Moral
- Beneficial
- Bottom line:
  - Good Fruit
  - Love God & Love Neighbor

God & Money

God's main concern with unrighteous mammon is that we do not become attached to it. Share it, use it, do not desire it, be content.

What about Us?

	1st Son	2nd Son	Us
Respectful to answer	No	Yes	Yes

What about Us?

	1st Son	2nd Son	Us
Honor with Behavior	Yes	No	Yes

Go Work Today in My Vineyard

Say	Do
I will, Sir	Bring Fruit

Wearing the name of Christ

- Honor it, it is worthy
- Take it as your own
- Keep it’s inheritance
- Live in it