

# **THE TWO SONS**

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## **DOING THE WILL OF GOD**

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**“YES – YES” “YES – NO”**

### **The Parable of the two Sons**

“Jesus told the Chief Priests, The Pharisees and the Elders this Parable

“Now, what do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the older one and said: ‘Son, go to work in the vineyard today’. He answered, “No! I will not go! But later on, he changed his mind and went to the vineyard.

Then, the Father went to the other son and said to him the same thing. He answered “Yes, Dad, I’ll go”’, but he did not go.

Which one of the two did what his Father wanted?

They replied “The older one”

## **PERSONAL REFLECTON**

**A)** Keeping in mind the parable of the two sons, we can classify people in general into four categories, according to the way they react to the demands of God. Namely;

1. **YES – YES people** - They said **YES** and they **DID** what God asked them
2. **NO – YES people** They said **NO**, yet they **DID** what God asked them
3. **YES – NO people** They said **YES**, yet they **DID NOT** what God asked them
4. **“NO – NO people** They said **NO**, and they **DID NOT** what God asked them

**B ) Were we to rate those four types of people from best to worst before God\**

**The YES – YES people : are the best.** They say **YES** to God and **DID** Gods will

- They are good, obedient and faithful.
- They always do whatever God is asking them to do.
- Are you among them?

**The NO – YES people are the second best.** First they say no, but finally, they did God’s will. They are repented sinners.

- .Many saints have had been great sinners, yet, they changed their minds, repented and finally did the will o God
- Amongst them, St. Paul, St. Augustine, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Ignatius, etc...
- Are you in their company?

**The NO – NO” people. are bad.** They say no to God and they do not do God’s will.

- They are disobedient sinners, yet they are honest!
- They are on the way of salvation. They know that they wrong. They may repent.
- Are you among them? Repent soon, and be obedient t to God

**The YES – NO people are the worst** They say YES , but they do mot mean it.

- They are both disobedient sinners and dishonest.
- They will no repent easily. They will likely, remain in their sins and in their dishonesty.
- They are like the Scribes and Pharisees to whom the parable of the Two Sons was intended for.
- Are you, unfortunately, among them? If so. pray to God to give you an honest mind a nd a repenting heart.

## **INTROSPECTION**

1. **In my personal life and duties:** At work, at home? In my family? In school? In college? In my office? Elsewhere? Etc...  
What sort of person - boy or girl; man or woman - am I? “Yes – yes”, “No – Yes”, “No – No” “Yes – No” person?
2. **In my dealings with others:** Helping? Hurting others? Fighting? Not forgiving? Gossiping? Bad talks? Telling lies? Etc...
3. What sort of person - boy or girl; man or woman - am I? “Yes – Yes”, “No – Yes”, “No”- No”, “Yes – No”, person?
4. **In my dealings with God:** In my prayers? In my going for Mass? Learning more about my religion? Keeping the Commandments? Not listening the inspirations of God? Etc...
5. What sort of person - boy or girl; man or woman - am I? “Yes – Yes”, “No – Yes”, “No – No”, “Yes – No” person?
6. **What will I do to be more=** of a “YES” - YES “person?
7. **Say a prayer to Jesus to help you** to be a “YES – YES” person. .