

# Sermon Notes

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## **Respond to God More Like the Prostitutes than Like the Elders**

Matthew 21:23-46

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The Jewish religious leaders ask Jesus about His authority (23-27)

Parable 1, The responses of two sons to their father (28-32)

Son 1, initially refuses to obey, but later obeys

Son 2, initially says he will obey, but doesn't

Son 2 = Jewish elders and chief priests

Each real life group's response to John's preaching of  
"Repent," and, "Bear fruit in keeping with repentance."

**Your change:**

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Parable 2, The wicked tenants' response to the landowner (33-41)

Tenants = leaders

**Supposed to take care of God's people, produce fruit**

Landowner sent servants = God sent prophets

**Listen to God's word from God's messengers.**

The sending of the son = Jesus coming to earth

Killed him

**Leaders, listen to what God wants for His people.**

Conviction and judgement of the Jewish leaders

God's kingdom given to God's new people (the Church)

"The stone which the builders rejected, this became the head corner stone."  
(42-46)

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**What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.**

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**Application questions for 12/21/2014 sermon  
Matthew 21:23-46**

Do you feel like you currently do stuff you think is good enough religious activity, or are you seeking to follow the Lord by do what He wants?

Are you in the practice of listening to how God wants us to be, according to His word, and listening to the prompting of the Holy Spirit telling you what you need to change, and then giving yourself to making those changes?

Do you need to give yourself more to that?

What is the biggest change you feel God is wanting you to make, presently?  
How is progress going on that?

Do you expect your leaders to to encourage, even push, you to change, to be in accord with God's desires?

Do you dislike it when they do that?

If you are a leader in the church, do you encourage, even push, God's people to change to be in accord with God's desires, to produce fruits of righteousness?

Are you in the practice of seeking God and listening to what He wants for the people you lead? Do you think you need to improve at that?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?