

# The Golden Harvest

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## Save Self, or Repent and Care for others?

When I Talk with Christians in Churches these days about Outdoor Evangelism, there seems to be a Dilemma on their minds. Two choices; Do I stay here in the Church Building and Save My-SELF, or do I Venture Outside To Care About And Save Others.

The Seating in the Church is so Comfortable, and the Music so Soothing to the Soul. Besides, isn't it Good Enough for Jesus My Lord, that I Come Every Sunday? What More Does HE Expect Of Me? I don't like it out there in that world of sinners. So uncomfortable being anywhere near them.

Many forget that Jesus Sent Some One Out Into The World After Them. They didn't All Get Saved In A Church Building. They probably avoided Church like the Average Sinner does today.

But Our Modern Christian Flesh Is So 'Pampered', We don't want to make it Uncomfortable, or do any Outdoor Work for Jesus, The Lord Of The Harvest. This is an age old problem, and the Lord has had to disperse His people in order to get them out into the Community for Sharing the Gospel.

Matthew 21:28 "What do you think? 'A Certain Man had 2 sons; and He came to the first, and Said, 'Son, Go Work Today In MY Vineyard. (Christ is speaking of Himself as 'A Certain Man' He has 2 types of sons. And the Word son here is the Greek word teknon which means child, as produced, daughter, son. Many Churches are raising children; who prefer not to work in the Great Commission: instead of Mature Sons and Daughters of Christ. And it's time to Think Correctly About Evangelism. We must be Willing to Work It. The whole world is Christ's Vineyard Today).

21:29-34 "he answered and said, I Will Not: But Afterward he Repented, AND WENT. (here, JESUS describes the Attitude of Most Christians, who say, 'I Will Not Go' And here Jesus Reveals the Certain Need for Repentance. Repent= TO CARE AFTERWARDS. After Repentance, the son Says, 'I WILL GO!' There is much need for Repentance in the Lord's Household. If The Great Commission is to be carried out in our age, by Sons Who Care. Went= to go off to do something).

21:30 "And HE Came to the Second (son), and Said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I will go, Sir' AND WENT NOT. (here Christ is Speaking to the Lack of Commitment among His children; when it comes to Laboring In HIS Vineyard. Some will Agree to Help, but Not Show Up at the Critical Time. The Evangelist and Helps Ministry Work side by side; and the Evangelist needs much Help. So, You

may be Called to Evangelism, even as a Helper. Everybody has a Role to Work in The Great Commission. You don't need to have any Special Call to Help with Evangelism. All disciples are Called to Reach the Lost. You can't just sit in the Lord's House and Ignore the Vineyard. Christ has only 2 types of sons. Type 1 = those who say they will Not Go, but Repent and Go. Type 2 = those who say they will Go, but do not follow through on their Commitment).

21:31 "Which of the 2 Did the Will of his Father? They said unto Him, The First! JESUS Said unto them, 'Verily I Say Unto You, That the Publicans and Harlots Go into the Kingdom Of God before you. (Father's Will is Father's Desire. His Determination, Choice, Decree, Pleasure. Every Christian Should Want To Do The Pleasure Of The Father. Every Christian Would Say THE FIRST, Did The Will Of His Father. Every Christian SHOULD DO LIKEWISE. If any Christian says different, then the Publicans and Harlots will Get Into The Kingdom Of God Before them. Even so shall it be for many who sit in churches today, remaining children. Before = pro-ag'-o = TO LEAD FORWARD, To Precede in place or time. Go Before. If Church children don't lead Publicans and Sinners to JESUS, He will see that they are Still Saved, and They will LEAD Church children by Their Example; and Get Into Heaven AHEAD OF THEM. As Church Leaders and Members: Would You rather have Publicans and Harlots Evangelizing For You? What a Shame on the Church; And what a Dishonor to the Father).

21:32 "For John (the Baptist) Came unto you in The Way Of Righteousness, and ye believed him Not: But the Publicans and Harlots Believed him: and ye, when ye had Seen It, REPENTED NOT AFTERWARD, That ye might Believe him. (Repentance Leads To The Way Of Righteousness; And Evangelism Is The Way Of Righteousness. Repentance Precedes Belief. Repentance Leads To Caring About Others).

### CHRIST IS THE OWNER OF THE VINEYARD

21:33 "Hear another Parable: A CERTAIN HOUSEHOLDER Which Planted A Vineyard, And Hedged It Round About, And Dug A Winepress In It, And Built A Tower, And Let It Out To Husbandmen, AND WENT INTO A FAR COUNTRY. (The Householder = Head of the Family. Christ Is Head And Master Of The Christian Church. Planted A Vineyard = To Set Out In The Earth, Implant, Instill Doctrine. Hedged = Fenced, in an enclosing barrier. Round About = To Place Around, To Present, Bestow Upon. Dug A Winepress = Burrow in the Ground a Trough. And Built A Tower = Construct, Confirm, Edify, Embolden. A Tower or Castle, Royal Burgh (City Church). Let It Out To Husbandmen = To Lease To Land Workers, Farmers. And Went Into A Far Country = ap-od-ay-meh'-o = TO GO ABROAD. JESUS CHRIST WENT TO HEAVEN.

21:34 "And When The Time OF THE FRUIT Drew Near, HE Sent His Servants To The Husbandmen, That They Might RECEIVE THE FRUITS OF IT."