

## **YaNo**

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Matthew 5:37 (NIV)

37 Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

There are times in our life when we say 'yes' to things we should be saying 'no' to and then, there are times when we say 'no' to things we should be saying 'yes' to.

Matthew 21:28-31 (NLT)

28 "But what do you think about this? A man with two sons told the older boy, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' 29 The son answered, 'No, I won't go,' but later he changed his mind and went anyway. 30 Then the father told the other son, 'You go,' and he said, 'Yes, sir, I will.' But he didn't go. 31 "Which of the two obeyed his father?" They replied, "The first." Then Jesus explained his meaning: "I tell you the truth, corrupt tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the Kingdom of God before you do.

Who: A father and his two sons. First son seemed to be rebellious but ended up righteous the second son seemed to be righteous but ended up rebellious.

What: Obeying the Father.

Where: Working in his vineyard

The first son, despite his original reluctance and outward show of rebellion, soon chooses obedience. He follows the will of his father and does the work to which he is called.

I call this: OBEDIENCE DELAYED

The second son, however, only talks a good game. He promises much and produces nothing of value.

I call this: OBEDIENCE DENYED

## FINAL THOUGHTS

1. Where are you saying 'no' to the Father in your own life?
2. Remember: It's not what we say that counts but what we do that matters.