



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **Luke 7: 31-35**

Jesus said to the crowds:

"To what shall I compare the people of this generation?

What are they like?

They are like children who sit in the marketplace and call to one another,

'We played the flute for you, but you did not dance.

We sang a dirge, but you did not weep.'

For John the Baptist came neither eating food nor drinking wine,

and you said, 'He is possessed by a demon.'

The Son of Man came eating and drinking and you said,

'Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard,

a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'

But wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

In today's rather obscure sounding Gospel reading, Jesus is taking the crowds to task for acting like spoiled brats when the Good News is preached to them. John lived an austere life and preached repentance and they scoffed. Jesus reached in acceptance to the outcasts and people called Him an associate of sinners. They are so arrogant and self-concerned that they have closed themselves off to God's offer of salvation.

# **Food for your Journey**

"Why don't you come to church with us?" my landlords asked me practically every time I saw them.

For a long time, I would smile and thank this nice, elderly couple for the invitation, and then come up with an excuse. I had seldom attended church since I left home for college, and I preferred to spend my Sundays doing an amateur radio broadcast and going horseback riding in the Hollywood Hills.

I had gone into business in Hollywood, California, in the 1940s. And this godly couple, who must have been in their 80's, were reaching out to me in probably the only way they knew. They didn't know that their feeble efforts would one day result in my receiving Christ. Their obedience in persisting with a young man from Oklahoma became one of the links to my knowing God in a personal way ... .

In all of my millions of miles of travel to most major countries of the world during the last 49 years, I have never met a happy disobedient Christian, nor have I met an unhappy trusting, obedient Christian, no matter how difficult the circumstances.

-Bill Bright, "Living daily in God's will," The Christian and Obedience, [Ccci.org/10steps/step6/living/](http://Ccci.org/10steps/step6/living/). Retrieved April 10, 2002.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Precious Lord, Make me humble and open to Your Grace which comes to me through Your Word and Sacraments. May I always receive Your offer of love and forgiveness with Joy. Amen