

“Stuff Jesus Made Up!”

Epic Stories From The Master (Part #2)

“A Story About Disgruntled Employees!”

Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ²He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵So they went. “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ ⁷“‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ ⁸“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ ⁹“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹²‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ ¹³“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Kingdom Principle #2

**In The Kingdom Of God, People Celebrate
The Goodness Of God To Them And Others!**

In The Kingdom:

***Envy Erodes Our Soul!**

***Our Expectations Prepare Our Hearts
For Joy Or Envy!**

The Lord (The Landowner)...

***Invites *Keeps His Promises *Provides
*Is Generous w/ Some & Good To All!**

We (The Laborers)...

***Recognize, Appreciate & Celebrate
God’s Blessing On Us!**

***We Also Rejoice
When Someone Else Is Blessed!**

“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”
—Romans 12:15

**If we can’t rejoice when someone else is blessed,
then we will forever be frustrated, miserable,
disappointed and joyless. We will never experience
the fullness of life Jesus came to give!**

***Examine & Master Our Expectations!**

***Trust That God Is Good!**

**Sometimes, We Are The Ones Who’ve Worked All Day!
Sometimes, We Are The Ones Who’ve Worked An Hour!**