Parable of the Vineyard

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INTRODUCTION

- An old vineyard owner would know through experience that if he was going to harvest the crop, there was going to be one thing he needed, and that was workers.
- One thing was the thing he was focused on, and that is getting people out of the marketplace and into his vineyard.

1 The Early Morning Laborers: Noble Saints

Matthew 20:1

- The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who goes into that place and seeks out to find laborers for his vineyard.
- The kingdom of heaven has some very noble saints.
- We have to not grow weary in well-doing and not lose heart.
- Those that seem to be noble need not tout their obedience, as if doing the will of Jesus is supposed to give them a more exalted station in heaven.

2 Whatever Is Right You Will Receive

Matthew 20:7–16

- When evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.
- These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and heat of the day.
- But he answered one of them and said, Friend, I am doing you no wrong.
- So the last will be first, and the first will be last. For many are called, but few are chosen.

3 Out of the Marketplace and Into the Vineyard

- The main thing of this parable when we look at this is Jesus is trying to tell us, get men out of the marketplace and into the vineyard.
- When we're in the vineyard, it's not about what we get out of it. It's about getting ourselves into the kingdom.
- Comparisons lead to competition. Competition leads to conflict. Conflict leads to chaos.
- The marketplace represents whatever the kingdom isn't. It's the life before entering the kingdom.

4 The Same Reward in Heaven

Matthew 20:1

- There were people in the first century that lived, worked, and died for the kingdom of heaven. They were the early birds.
- I once baptized a guy that was 90 years old.
- He's gonna get the same reward in heaven as me. He's not gonna get a lesser thing in heaven than me.
- I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than stand in the tents of wickedness.

5 Do I Accept God's Choices?

Matthew 20:15; 1 Samuel 15:2; Mark 16:16

- Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Is your eye evil because I'm good?
- Saul just says, Now I'm not going to do that. I'm going to come up with some other thing I want to do.
- He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. He who does not believe shall be condemned.
- We need to accept God's choices. We need to accept God's wisdom.

6 Maybe It's Not All About You

Exodus 18:14

- Getting in the vineyard is contingent on entering by his terms, and once you're there, it makes no sense to say it's all about you.
- It makes no sense for you as one guy to arbitrate absolutely every individual complication that arises between the people.
- Moses doesn't need to teach an 11th hour Christian how to harvest grapes. A ninth hour Christian can do that.
- In the vineyard where there is a lot of work to be done, it's not practical for one, two, three, or four people to do the work that can be done by so many others.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **When you go home this week and you consider this lesson, remember one thing. God wants us out of the marketplace of this world and into his vineyard.**

MY NOTES