



**A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others
will be refreshed.**

Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)

Jealous Workers

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus'
Parables

"I need workers," said a vinyard owner.

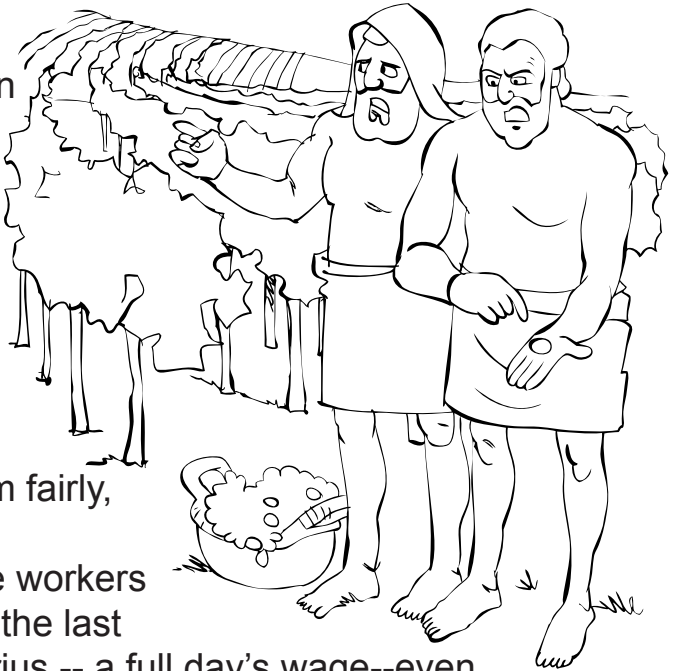
Early in the morning, he found some men and agreed to pay them a day's wage -- a denarius coin--to work in his vineyard.

At about 9 a.m., noon and at 3 p.m. he went out and found more workers. Each time, he agreed to pay them a fair wage. They accepted and went to work.

At almost 5 p.m. he went out one more time to find workers. He found more men standing around, so he agreed to pay them fairly, and they went to work.

When the work day ended. He called the workers to line up to receive their pay starting with the last ones he hired. He paid them each a denarius -- a full day's wage--even though they only worked part of the day. When the first workers who were hired, received their pay, they thought they'd get more since they worked all day, but they got the same -- one denarius each. They were upset and complained.

"Don't be angry with me," said the owner. "You agreed to a denarius for a day's work. Can't I be generous with my money with those other workers?"

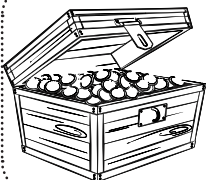


What did we discover?

- 1) The owner needed workers in his _____.
CORN FIELDS ORCHARD VINEYARD
- 2) The first workers agreed to work the day for _____.
ONE DENARIUS TWO DENARIUS THREE DENARIUS
- 3) The owner paid each of his workers _____.
POORLY WELL EQUALLY
- 4) The owner was _____ with his workers.
JUST GENEROUS UNJUST



How does God treat me and others? How do I respond when other people get something I want?



God is generous with me.

God gives me more than I deserve, and I am grateful.



**Lord,
Thank You
for being generous
with me.**

