

**WHAT IS YOUR MOTIVE FOR SERVING CHRIST?**  
**JESUS GRACIOUSLY REVEALS IN A PARABLE THE DISCIPLES WRONG MOTIVES**  
**IN LIGHT OF HIS JUSTICE, SOVEREIGNTY & GOODNESS**  
**Matthew 20:1-16**

**I. THE OCCASION FOR THE PARABLE: The rich young ruler, Peters question & Jesus' response (19:27-30)**

**II. A SIMPLE PARABLE: Jesus explains in a kingdom parable what He meant by "the first will be last and the last first" (20:1-15)**

A. Laborer's sought at different times and hired to work. (1-7)

B Laborer's summoned to receive their wages (8)

C The Surprise: The last paid first and as much as the first (9-10)

D. The objection by the first (11-12)

E. The owner's gracious explanation reveals He is fair, sovereign and good yet the first are envious prideful grumblers (13-15)

**III. A SUMMARY THAT EXPLAINS: Thus...the first will be la and the last first (16)**

**IV. IMPORTANT LESSONS FOR THE DISCIPLES AND TRUE BELIEVER'S**

**A. Don't see serving Christ as a job deserving of a wage.** Serving is a glorious privilege granted by a gracious God

**B. Don't compare your life with others just follow Jesus:** Jesus, a Sovereign, just God has differing will and plans for us in this life

**C. Acknowledge His blessing in everything He gives: He is good**