

# THE WEEKLY COMPASS

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## Devotion

### God is Generous To All

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 He agreed to pay them a denarius[a] 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. 4 He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' 5 So they went. "He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. 6 About 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. 10 So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. 11 When 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? 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15 Don'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."

Matthew 20:1-16 (KJV)

## Main Topic

# Choose To Do Right

Often advice comes unsolicited. A common unsolicited advice is, "If I were you, I would do ..." or, "I wouldn't do that if I were you." The one making the statement is the one usually wanting to control the actions or the situation. When choosing to do what is right, opinions, statements, and unsolicited advice from others have no bearing on the choice to do the right thing. Don't be swayed. A person's mind, thoughts, and decisions are theirs. They must choose to do what is right, with what they know. "Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?" In Matthew 4: 1-11, the devil tried to tempt Jesus 3 times with His statements. Jesus was not swayed nor tempted by the devil.

Jesus chose to do the right thing by being obedient to the Father. Don't choose to do what the world says. Choose to do what God says. It is each person's choice to make. There is a saying that says, "Follow your first mind." God is the first mind. Choose to do right!

### Questions:

1. How do you respond to unsolicited advice?
2. What would you tell someone who is struggling to hear and obey the voice of God?

## Sunday School Lesson For

February 16, 2025

## Sunday School Title

What More Do I Have To Do ?

## Sunday School Scripture

Matthew 19:16-30

## Main Thought:

"And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kengdom of God  
 Matthew 11:20 (KJV)

## Closing Prayer:

*Father God, thank You for allowing us the free will to make good decisions. Help us to not be swayed by the statements, comments and unsolicited advice of others. Help us to hear and obey your voice and to be obedient to Your Word. Father God, help us to learn from the example of Jesus, when He did not listen to the statements of the devil and was not swayed to do what the devil wanted Him to do. Thank you, Father God, for loving us unconditionally and for the many opportunities You present us with to get it right and to choose to do what is right. It is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*



Unifying Topic: The First Will Be Last