



Idle

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For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1

He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

Matthew 20:2

About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing.

Matthew 20:3

He told them, “You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.”

Matthew 20:4

So they went. He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing.

Matthew 20:5

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?"

Matthew 20:6

"Because no one has hired us," they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'"

Matthew 20:7

"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.'"

Matthew 20:8

The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius.

Matthew 20:9

So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.

Matthew 20:10

When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.

Matthew 20:11

“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.’” “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’”

Matthew 20:12-15

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Matthew 20:16

Doing nothing when you should be doing something.

Doing something when you should be doing something else.

Allotriepiskopos- translates to "one who oversees what is another's," and it's used to describe someone who interferes in matters that don't concern them.

If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.

1 Peter 4:15

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us.

2 Thessalonians 3:6

We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies.

2 Thessalonians 3:11

Periergazomai – *to waste ones labor, to take more pains than enough about a thing.*

Besides that, they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and not only idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not.

1 Timothy 5:13

Periergos - *busy about other folks affairs, meddling.*

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33

Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

Matthew 19:21

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the

kingdom of God.”

Matthew 19:23-24

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Matthew 19:26

Peter answered him, “We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?”

Matthew 19:27

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.”

Matthew 19:28-29

But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

Matthew 19:30