

# **THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM**

*A Study of the Parables of Jesus*

## **IS GOD FAIR?**

Matthew 19:27-20:16      Jeff Schreve

*But you say, "The Lord's way is unfair." Ezekiel 18:25 GW*

**Q. Could it be true that God is unfair?**

**A. No way!**

*Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne.*

*Psalm 89:14 NAS*

**The parable is to warn us about our attitude in serving Him.**

*"Look, we've given up everything to follow you. What will we get out of it?"*

*Matthew 19:27 GW*

**1. Beware of bargaining with the Lord.**

*And when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. Matthew 20:2*

**A. You can trust God implicitly.**

*He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things.*

*Romans 8:32*

**B. God will never shortchange you.**

**2. Beware of comparing yourself to other people.**

**A. Comparing will make you ungrateful.**

**B. Comparing will make you envious.**

*Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is my own?*

*Or is your eye envious because I am generous? Matthew 20:15*

C. Keep your eyes on Jesus.

*And let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith. Hebrews 12:1-2*

3. Beware of seeing your service as a burden.

*These last men have worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and scorching heat of the day.*

*Matthew 20:12*

A. God is more interested in why you do than what you do.

*... wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.*

*2 Corinthians 4:5*

B. God wants you to be motivated by love.

**The greatest privilege in the world is to serve the Lord.**