



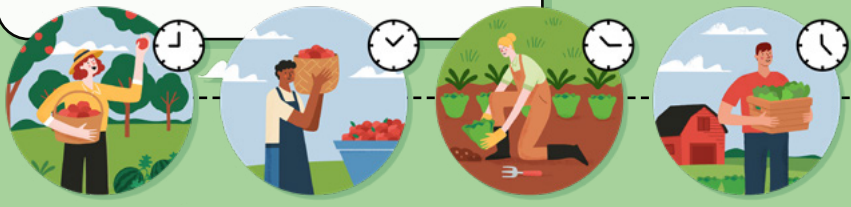
The Laborers in the Vineyard



Early one morning, a man hires laborers to help him in his vineyard. He says he will pay them each a penny.



Four other times that day, the man hires more workers and promises to pay them what is right.



At the end of the day, he gives each worker the same amount of money, even though some worked longer than others.



The laborers who had been working all day complain that the man is being unfair.

But he reminds them that they each received what they agreed to at the start of the day and that the Lord's kindness benefited all of the workers.



WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

Just as the man was merciful to all his workers, God is merciful to us. He wants all of us to come join Him in His kingdom. It is never too late to enter or return to the covenant path and strive to become like the Savior. Then He can bless us. We shouldn't be jealous when God chooses to bless others too. Instead, we can be happy for them and happy with the things God has given us. And the time we get to spend working in God's vineyard is a blessing too!

How, Not When

"I testify of the renewing power of God's love and the miracle of His grace. His concern is for the faith at which you finally arrive, not the hour of the day in which you got there."

Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, "The Laborers in the Vineyard" Apr. 2012 general conference (Ensign or Liahona, May 2012, 31).