Devotion

Pleasant View Baptist Church ● Scripture: Matthew 20: 1-7

Going to work

 Looking at a familiar parable where Jesus tells the story of the householder going to the marketplace to hire laborers to work in his vineyard. The scripture shows us that the householder made multiple trips to the marketplace to hire laborers. In fact, scripture shows us that in five different occasions the householder went to the marketplace to hire laborers. The householder was at the marketplace at about 6:00 A.M. and made his last trip abound 4:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.

 Recently, I have questioned why the householder made multiple trips to the marketplace to hire laborers. I didn’t have to look too far to understand why he made multiple trips to hire the laborers. It is obvious that the householder went to the marketplace to hire laborers because there was work to be done in the vineyard. Would you agree with me that as Christians there is work to be done?

 As Christians, there is work to be done in our churches. There are many things we can do to work in our churches. We can teach a class, we can prepare a meal, and we can sing in the church choir. These are just a few examples. There are countless jobs for an individual to do in the church. I would like to think that the leadership of your church would never turn anyone away looking for work to do within the church.

 As there is work to be done in the church, there is also work to be done in the world we live in today. One doesn’t have to look too far to recognize that our world needs to see Jesus in a mighty way. As Christians, it is our responsibility to spread the Gospel. This is a responsibility that we should not take lightly. We need to be in the world and witnessing to the lost. We need to be in the world and providing food and shelter for the homeless and needy. As Christians, we need to let the light of Jesus shine through our life. Can the world see Jesus through the actions of our life?

 Last, there is work to be done on our own soul. As Christians, we should never get to the point where we feel like we have arrived. We should constantly be working on our own soul. We can work on our own soul by turning off some of the garbage that comes through our televisions and radios. We can work on our own soul by putting down some of the material that we read. We can work on our own soul by digging into God’s Word even deeper. We can work on our own soul by spending more time in prayer.

 I encourage you to find work in your church, in our world, and in your soul.

In His Grip,

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