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IS SHE BETTER THAN ME?

I. Introduction

II. The Generous Landowner - Matt. 20: 1-16

III. The Workers

IV. The Landowner

"God calls us to serve Him, not because He needs us, but because we need Him. Then His reward for our service is always out of proportion to our efforts." Jerry Bridges, Transforming Grace

V. Us...

A. Our salvation

"For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Jesus Christ, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith." Rom. 3: 23

"And from His fullness we have all received grace upon grace." John 1:16

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--- by grace you have been saved---- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is a gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one can boast." Eph. 2: 4-9

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?" Rom. 8: 31-32.

B. Our gifts

"For the body does not consist of one member but many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body." 1 Cor. 12: 14-20.

"The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance." Ps. 16:5,6

"But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, 'Why have you made me like this?' Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?" Rom. 9:20-21

VI. **The Result**

A. Gratefulness:

"All that we have accomplished you have done for us." Isaiah 26:12

B. Contentment:

"Godliness with contentment is great gain." 1 Tim. 6:6

"I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content." Phil. 4:11

C. Humility:

"Christian humility does not consist in denying what there is of good in us; but in an abiding sense of ill-desert, and in the consciousness that what we have of good is due to the grace of God." Charles Hodge.

"Pride is when sinful human beings aspire to the status and position of God and refuse to acknowledge their dependence on Him." C.J. Mahaney

"God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God." James 4:6.