

Origin

TRANSFORMATION
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Generosity:

Original Meaning:

- Its ancient meaning had to do with someone's birth.
- Specifically of those born into nobility.
- The generous were those of noble birth.
- The definition implies that those born into wealth were also born into responsibility.

Today

- Today generosity is "acting" with nobility rather than being born into nobility.
- In effect, a person who uses his resources as a way of blessing others is considered to be a generous person.

We are Nobility

- Jesus is the King of kings.
- We are His adopted sons and daughters.
- Ephesians 1:5; I John 3:1-2; Romans 8:16-17

The Parable of the Workers of the Vineyard – Matthew 20:1-16

Verses 1-2

- Reveals the heart of God and His motives.
- God's love is the motivation for his generosity.

Verses 3-7

- God wishes that no one waste his life; everyone gets in to work.
- His desire is that we move from the paralysis of existence to productive and meaningful life.
- God's generosity is the reason we have admission into the Kingdom.

Verses 8-12

- God's Kingdom doesn't operate the way we think.
- Everyone who enters heaven must remember one thing: Admission was a gift.

Verses 13-16

- In the world, he who works the longest gets paid the most.
- The Kingdom of God puts aside merit and ability so that grace may prevail.