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**Unit I: Fulfilling Our Obligations to Neighbors**

**Subject: Giving Generously**

**Printed Text: Deuteronomy 15: 4-11; Matthew 25: 42-45**

**Key verse: The poor shall never cease out of the land; therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needed, in thy land (Deuteronomy 15: 11, KJV).**

**Lesson Pointers:**

- 1) Easing the Burden of Poverty Should Be a human Endeavor (Deuteronomy 15: 4-6)
- 2) Generosity Makes Room for More (Deuteronomy 15: 7-11)
- 3) When You Ignored the Least of These You Ignored Christ (Matthew 25: 42-45)

**Introduction:**

Now economic injustice is not something new; it is as old as humanity itself. Now know that both the Old testament and the New testament call GOD'S people to generosity. Jesus Christ, as the new Moses and new lawgiver, continued the call to generosity, by tying it directly to HIMSELF. Jesus Christ gave up HIS royal robe to identify with the poor. Philippians 2: 7-8, says, "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." It is worth noting that a messianic King might be expected to have everything at HIS command; but Jesus Christ shows us that poverty does not separate one from GOD. The thing that separates us from GOD is the refusal to care for sisters and brothers who are in need. So as believers and followers of Jesus Christ let us give generously to those who are in need, and care for them as Jesus Christ cares for us.

**Lesson Pointer # 1**

• Easing the Burden of Poverty Should Be a human Endeavor (Deuteronomy 15: 4-6)  
Someone might say or assume that poverty is inevitable, and is best left for GOD to solve. But scripture tells us that we believers of Jesus Christ are to ease poverty on the covenant community itself. So when we give to our neighbors who are in need, GOD promise of blessings becomes available to the believer in Jesus Christ more abundantly so that no one that is in need needs to suffer lack (Deuteronomy 15: 4). The LORD GOD'S blessing is conditional. Just like the Israelites had to obey the LORD GOD'S commands, in order for them to be blessed with protection, procreation, and prosperity (read Deuteronomy 28: 1-14), we too as believers, and followers of Jesus Christ are to obey HIS commands as well. Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy GOD, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day (Deuteronomy 15: 5). But it is worth knowing this that if we are disobedient, the LORD GOD will bring curses upon us. Because the LORD GOD blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee (Deuteronomy 15: 6).

## Lesson Pointer # 2

- **Generosity Makes Room for More (Deuteronomy 15: 7-11)**

Now as Christians we know that the LORD GOD'S commanded not only for us to care for others but also to show cheerful generosity towards others. Christians do not care for other without being or showing cheerfulness in our generosity towards others. So, if there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in the land which the LORD thy GOD giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother (Deuteronomy 15: 7): But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth (Deuteronomy 15: 8). So, Christians are to have no thoughts of wickedness in our hearts. We are to examine ourselves, or be careful, that we harbor no evil in our hearts against our brother during the seventh year, why, because the seventh year is the Sabbath year, where the LORD GOD declares that every seven years, all debt is forgiven; this is known as the year of release, and it is at hand; so if you have evil in your eye against your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he your brother cry unto the LORD against you, it will be sin unto you (Deuteronomy 15: 9). Because of the seventh year of release, we Christians are to give generously to the poor without a grudging heart will thou give unto him; because by during so, the LORD thy GOD shall bless you in all thy works, and in everything that you put your hand to (Deuteronomy 15: 10). Now, do know, that the poor shall always be with us, they shall never cease out of the land: therefore, the LORD commands you, saying, that thou shall open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land (Deuteronomy 15: 11).

## Lesson Pointer # 3

- **When You Ignored the Least of These You Ignored Christ (Matthew 25: 42-45)**

Now we will learn that Giving to the LORD shows Compassion. Why, because Jesus Christ identifies HIMSELF as the "Son of Man" who comes in glory, Matthew 25: 31. Jesus Christ then describes the elaborate sorting out in Matthew 25: 32-45. In in judgment Jesus Christ separates the sheep from the goats (Matthew 25: 32-33). Now know that the goats faces an eternal punishment and must be separated from Jesus Christ's presence (Matthew 25: 41). Now we will learn why the separation of the sheep and goats are important. Jesus Christ says, for when I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink (Matthew 25: 42). I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not (Matthew 25: 43). We as Christians must show compassion for one another. The question and its timing; Then shall they answer him (Jesus Christ), saying, LORD, when did we see YOU an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto YOU (Matthew 25: 44). Then Jesus Christ reveals the meaning of the parable; verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me (Matthew 25: 45). So, Christians we are to give generously without grudging, because you are giving unto the LORD your GOD, showing HIS compassion, love, and care for all humanity.

## Giving Generously!

### Nuggets of the Lesson:

- 1) Giving Generously is at the heart of every Christians living.
- 2) Giving Generously is rooted or grounded in Biblical principles.
- 3) Giving Generously allows the Christians to tithe faithfully, fight poverty, honor GOD, and provide for others.
- 4) Giving Generously blesses not only the receiver but also the giver.
- 5) Divine reciprocity flows from faithful giving.