



“Ownership”

Letting Go
Deuteronomy 15:12-23

Giving of our:

I. Furnishings – “you shall furnish him liberally” (vs. 12-15)

Being ready to:

- A. **Release** – “you shall let him go free from you”
- B. **Reward** – “wherewith the Lord thy God has blessed you”
- C. **Remember** - “remember that you were a bondman in Egypt”

II. Freedoms – “send him away free from you” (vs. 16-18)

Trading our freedom for:

- A. **Affection** - “because he loves you and your house”
- B. **Acceptance** – “because he is well with thee”
- C. **Appreciation** – “he has been worth a double hired servant”

III. Firstlings – “you shall do no work with the firstlings” (vs.19-23)

Giving that is:

- A. **Sanctified** – “you shall sanctify unto the Lord thy God”
- B. **Scheduled** – “eat it before the Lord thy God year by year ”
- C. **Selective** – “If there be any blemish...you shall not sacrifice it”

Sentence Sermon

Let God have your life; He can do more with it than you can.

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Additional Verses

- *Philippians 3:12; 4:6-7*
- *Proverbs 3:5-6*
- *Ephesians 4:31-32*
- *II Corinthians 12:9*
- *Exodus 12:35-36; 21:2, 5-6*
- *Ecclesiastes 3:6*
- *Psalms 94:19*
- *Leviticus 25:39-42*
- *Deuteronomy 24:18, 22*
- *Numbers 18:17*

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. What are the positives and negatives of the debt slavery in this passage?
4. What are some practical reasons that lenders should furnish freed debtors?
5. Why would a debtor servant feel love for the lender?
6. What are the advantages of being a bond slave besides free piercings?
7. How is a indebted servant “a double hired servant?”
8. Why was it important for the animals to be without blemishes?
9. What are some things that God asks believers to give up for others?
10. Why is it so important to God for us to be willing to let go of things?
11. What are the things in your life that you would have a hard time giving up?