



“Generosity”

Forgiving Debts
Deuteronomy 15:1-11

Generosity is about the:

I. People – “Every creditor that lends” (vs. 1-3)

Different terms for:

- A. Family** – “he shall not exact it... of his brother”
- B. Friends** – “he shall not exact it of his neighbor”
- C. Foreigners** - “of a foreigner thou may exact it again”

II. Principles – “carefully hearken to the voice of the Lord” (vs. 4-6)

Guarding our:

- A. Inheritance** - “the Lord thy God gives thee for an inheritance”
- B. Investment** – “thou shall lend unto many nations”
- C. Independence** – “they shall not reign over thee”

III. Poor – “a poor man of one of thy brethren” (vs.7-11)

Giving that engages our:

- A. Heart**– “thou shall not harden thine heart”
- B. Hand** – “Thou shall open thine hand wide unto thy brother”
- C. Happiness** – “thine heart shall not be grieved when thou giveth”

Sentence Sermon

Forgiveness is merely a gift from one undeserving soul to another.
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Additional Verses

- *Matthew 18:21, 27-34*
- *Hebrews 13:5*
- *I Timothy 5:8*
- *Luke 6:37; 7:42-43*
- *Romans 4:4*
- *Colossians 2:14; 3:13*
- *Matthew 6:12-15*
- *Proverbs 17:9; 19:17; 22:7*
- *Psalms 37:21*
- *Romans 13:7*
- *Ephesians 1:7; 4:32*
- *Mark 11:25*
- *Luke 23:34*

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why do you think God commanded Israel to forgive debts?
4. What do verses 2 and 3 tell us about different relationships?
5. How would you define the term “poor” as used in this passage?
6. What are some great reasons not to be in debt?
7. How would you explain the situation described in verse 9?
8. What does it mean to “open your hand wide” to thy brother?
9. What are some wise principles to follow when lending?
10. How is forgiving someone for an offense like forgiving a loan?