

TAKE POSSESSION OF THE LAND!
A study in Deuteronomy
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MEN, REMEMBER YOUR CALLING: LET GO OF STUFF
Deuteronomy 14:22-15:23

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- 14:22-29 I. Let go of God's tithes.** *"You shall tithe..."* *"...you shall bring out all the tithe..."*
cf. Gen. 14:20; Lev. 27:30-33; Num. 18:8-32; Neh. 13:10-14; Mal. 3:6-10; Matt. 23:23
- :22-26** A. Bring it to the temple annually for worship.
*"You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year.
And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose..."*
cf. Mal. 3:10; I Cor. 3:16; I Peter 2:4,5; Eph. 2:21, 22
1. Feast before the Lord.
*"...you shall eat the tithe...and if the way is too long for you...you shall turn it into
money and spend the money...and you shall eat there before the Lord... and rejoice, you
and your household."*
2. Fear the Lord.
"...that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always."
- :27-29** B. Bring it to the towns triennially for relief.
"At the end of every three years..."
- :27-29a** 1. Feed the Levite.
"And you shall not neglect the Levite..."
- :29b** 2. Feed the dispossessed.
"...and the sojourner, the fatherless and the widow."
- a. They shall be filled.
"...shall come and eat and be filled..."
- b. We shall be blessed.
"...that the Lord your God may bless you..."
- 15:1-18 II. Let go of God's sabbatical gifts for the poor.**
"At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release."
cf. Exodus 23:10-11; Lev. 25:1-17
- :2-6** A. Forgive loans.
"...every creditor shall release what he has lent to his neighbor."
- :2** 1. The Lord's name will be honored.
"...because the Lord's release has been proclaimed."
- :4** 2. Poverty will be eliminated.
"But there will be no poor among you."
cf. Acts 4:34
- :6** 3. God's people will prosper.
*"For the Lord your God will bless you...and you shall lend to many nations, but you
shall not borrow, and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over
you."*
- :7-11** B. Make loans.
"If among you, one of your brothers should become poor..."
1. You shall not:
a. harden your heart
b. shut your hand

c. close your eyes

cf. Matt. 6:22, 23

2. You shall:

a. open your hand

"...you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be."

b. guard your heart

"Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart..."

c. advance the downtrodden

"If your brother...is sold to you...in the seventh year..."

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1) liberate

"...let him go free from you."

cf. Exodus 21:2-11

:13-14, 16-17

2) elevate

"...you shall not let him go empty-handed. You shall furnish him liberally..."

"But if...because he loves you and your household..."

:15, 18

3) celebrate

"You shall remember that you were a slave..."

"It shall not seem hard to you...for at half the cost of a hired servant he has served you..."

"So the Lord your God will bless you..."

:19-23 III. Let go of God's sacrificial offerings.

"All the firstborn males that are born of your herd and flock you shall dedicate to the Lord your God."

:19, 20

A. No compromise.

You shall do no work with...nor shear the firstborn..."

:21-23

B. No blemish.

"But if it has any blemish...you shall not sacrifice it to the Lord your God."