

1 **According to Deuteronomy 15:1-11, what are some of the reasons the Israelites were to show compassion to the poor among them?** What did the Lord promise them if they obeyed in this matter?

♥ *Think of your own heart responses to people in need. What is your first response when you see someone standing in a public place asking for money?*

🗨️ *How is generosity toward the poor both a heart issue and a hand issue?*


2 **What evidences of God's expectation for generosity do you find in Deuteronomy 15:12-18?**

🗨️ *What are some of the reasons people often give for sending people away empty-handed?*


⚙️ *What was God's reason for instructing His people to be so generous?*


📖 *Take time to share scripture that reminds you of God's generous heart towards His people and praise Him for it.*


3 What evidences of God's expectation for generosity do you find in Deuteronomy 15:19-23? From the instructions given here, what might God's people have been tempted to do, instead?

 How does this relate to life for today's believer? What are some ways we are tempted to act stingily toward God in our worship of Him?

4 Practically speaking, what are some things that would characterize a life of generous worship of the Lord?

 Do you find it easier to give of your time or of your money? Why? Which is more valuable to you? Explain.

 What are some tangible ways that you can seek out the poor and underprivileged in your community this week?

 What local ministries does your church support that help the poor, the orphans, or the needy? How can you be involved with those ministries?

5 How can we determine who to help when there are more needs than we could possibly meet?

Prayer Points

- > Ask God to loosen your grip on your money and open your heart to the poor.
- > Pray that God would give you a disposition of compassion toward the needy.
- > Thank the Lord for his work of redemption in your life where he rescued you from slavery and destitution.
- > Praise God for an eternal inheritance and treasures in heaven.
- > Ask God to help you be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share.