

Deuteronomy 15:7-11 **Give to the Poor**

7 "If there is among you a poor man of your brethren, within any of the gates in your land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother, 8 but you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs.

9 Beware lest there be a wicked thought in your heart, saying, 'The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand,' and your eye be evil against your poor brother and you give him nothing, and he cry out to the LORD against you, and it become sin among you.

10 You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the LORD your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand.

11 For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.' NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Charity begins at Home

- ✧ If there is a poor man of your brethren among you. [Deuteronomy 15:7-8]
 - ◇ You shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother.
 - ◇ You shall open your hand wide to him, and willingly lend him sufficient for his needs.
- ✧ God views it to be wickedness; [Deuteronomy 15:9]
 - ◇ If you consider in your heart that the year of the Lord's Release is near and use it as an excuse to withhold what is needed out of fear you may lose the gift.
 - ◇ It will become sin for you, if you give him nothing, and he cries out to Yehowah against you.
- ✧ The command is:
 - ◇ You shall surely give to him, with a generous heart, gladly, what is needed. [Deuteronomy 15:10]
 - ◇ God is concerned for the welfare of the Poor and needy. [Exodus 22:25-27, Leviticus 19:9-10, 23:22, 25:35]
- ✧ God has promised to reward you for your generosity toward your brother.
 - ◇ For doing this thing, the LORD your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand. [Deuteronomy 15:10]

We are assured that this opportunity will certainly come to each of us.

- ✧ **For the poor will never cease from the land.** [Deuteronomy 15:11]
 - ◇ Therefore I command you, saying, "You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land." [Deuteronomy 15:11]