



Devotional 1 Worship Through Generosity

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Deuteronomy 15:10

“Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then, because of this, the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.”

Today’s devotional will be focused on Deuteronomy 15:4-11. If you can summarize the book of Deuteronomy into one word, it would be the covenant. This book outlines the covenant, or the promises, that bind God and Israel through oaths of fidelity and obedience. In the first three verses of Deuteronomy, we learn about the seven years of release. During this time in Israel, money was always borrowed with the understanding that in the seventh year, there would be a release, the Lord’s release. This was God’s way of establishing an economic system that would not leave anyone chronically poor. Some might go through a bad period but would have the opportunity to rebuild.

Now read Deuteronomy 15:4-11 twice.

Four major ideas stood out to me when reading these verses.

Obedience and Blessings: Verse 4

In a world marked by selfishness, scarcity, and need, God's promise stands strong—there should be no lack among His people. The land of our inheritance is not just physical; it's spiritual and communal. As young adults, we must recognize that God's blessings are meant to be shared. When we embrace His generosity, we become instruments of His love, ensuring that His abundance flows through us to reach others. And God promises to continue to bless us.

Your Heart Posture: Verse 7

This verse challenges us to cultivate a generous heart, extending kindness and love to those around us, regardless of their circumstances. In a world that often emphasizes self-sufficiency, God calls us to be different and to think of others. As young adults, we have the opportunity to develop a compassionate spirit, one that sees the struggles of others and responds. Let's choose to respond with empathy over apathy and compassion over indifference.

How to Give: Verses 9–11

These verses emphasize the attitude behind our giving. God delights in a cheerful giver who gives willingly, without resentment. Our actions reflect God's character when we give with a joyful heart. We are also reminded that

when we have, we **MUST** give. It is a command, and not doing so would be a sin. As young adults, we're encouraged to embrace a cheerful disposition in our acts of giving—whether it's our time, resources, or talents. This attitude doesn't just benefit the receiver; it transforms us and brings blessings into every area of our lives.

Prayer

Lord, we thank you for all that you have blessed us with. Grant us the grace to give without reservation, not only in material things but in our time, talents, and kindness. Teach us to give with joy, without counting the cost, knowing that you see our hearts and promise to bless us in ways we cannot imagine. We acknowledge that the world will always have needs, and yet we are called to be openhanded in the face of those needs. Give us the strength to be instruments of your love, sharing your blessings generously with those around us.

Amen.