

Text: **Deuteronomy 15:7-11**

**THE POOR IN THE LAND**

1. A poor man among the brethren (Deuteronomy 15:7a)
2. Within any of the gates in the land (Deuteronomy 15:7b)

**WHAT NOT TO DO**

1. You shall not harden your heart (Deuteronomy 15:7c)
2. Nor shut your hand from your poor brother (Deuteronomy 15:7d)

**PRACTICAL COMPASSION TO BE PRACTISED**

1. You shall open your hand wide to him (Deuteronomy 15:8a)
2. And willingly lend him (Deuteronomy 15:8b)
  - a) Sufficient for his need
  - b) Whatever he needs

**BEWARE OF EVIL THOUGHTS**

1. A wicked thought may enter the heart (Deuteronomy 15:9a)
  - a) Remembering the Release of the LORD
  - b) Refusing to lend because the debt must be forgiven
2. An evil eye (Deuteronomy 15:9b)
  - a) It will go against a poor brother
  - b) Nothing is given

### **THE CRY OF THE POOR**

1. He may cry out to God (Deuteronomy 15:9c)
2. It would be sin (Deuteronomy 15:9d)

### **ENCOURAGEMENT TO CARE FOR THE POOR**

1. You shall surely give to him (the poor) (Deuteronomy 15:10a)
2. Your heart should not be grieved (Deuteronomy 15:10b)

### **PROMISE OF BLESSING**

1. Because of giving to the poor (Deuteronomy 15:10b)
2. God will bless in all your works (Deuteronomy 15:10c)

### **A SOLEMN REALITY**

1. The poor will never cease in the land (Deuteronomy 15:11a)
2. The command of the LORD (Deuteronomy 15:11b)
  - a) Open your hand wide
  - b) To a poor brother
  - c) To the poor and needy