

## A Godly Neighborhood

1. Dan, The Man Who Knew Too Much
2. What to do?

### We are Called to be a Gospel Community!

#### **I. Sharing Based on Faith (Gospel) [Deut.15:1-11]**

--- Every 7 years the people are to forgive the debts owed to them [v1]

--- When someone is in need, Israel is to be open-hearted and open-handed. [vv7-8, 11]

--- When someone needs something, we give it to them. We shouldn't begin to rationalize or think about how this will effect *me*. Trust in God that He will take care of you. [v10]

--- The principle here is *Faith*: Do I believe in a God who operates by Grace? Do I believe that He will take care of me when I do what He has asked of me?

⇒ Do we have the type of Faith that allows us to give out of our blessings?

⇒ Has God blessed us with more than we need? Why?  
Are we in need of something? Who can we ask for help?

#### **II. Serving Based on Love (Gospel) [Deut.15:12-17]**

--- Every 7 years the master is to free his slave. [v12]

--- The slave is not to be sent out empty-handed; the master is to bless the slave liberally so that the slave can begin a new life. [vv13-14]

--- Even in the context of slavery, God says that the master should treat his slave in such a way that the slave will not even want to leave when given opportunity. He loves his master so much that he wishes to become a part of the family. This is the goal of the master-slave relationship.

⇒ The Principle here is *Love*: Do I treat others with the kind of Love that God has shown towards me? Do I live my life in service to God my master because I love Him in light of His Grace? [vv15-17]

## **New Testament Connections:**

⇒ *Giving* Based upon Who God Is: II Cor.8:9; Phil.2:6-11

⇒ *Serving* Based upon What God has Done: Rom.12:1

\*\*\* The Gospel changes every aspect of our lives:  
our *perspectives*, our *motives*, and our *actions*.

\*\*\* God entrusts us with certain blessings and abilities so that we can bless others who are in need.

\*\*\* Because of how God has loved us and redeemed us from slavery in sin, we are to respond in full commitment and service to Him out of Love, as members of His household.

\*\*\* Today, we commit ourselves to the Lord, offering our lives in service, to be used for the things to which He has called us!

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