

## Be Liberal (Part 4)

**Text: Deuteronomy 15:1-11**

### **Introduction:**

1. This book is actually Moses farewell sermons. Moses will not be going into the Promised Land. Joshua will be the chosen leader to lead the people of God into the Promised Land. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> month of the 40<sup>th</sup> year and before he dies, he is preparing the next generation to be ready to go in and possess the land.
2. As we progressed in this series we would be dealing most on the application side of the sermon.
3. We know that the Word of God is powerful. But I have already mentioned to you that there are 2 things that are more powerful in effect than the word of God which is working in the lives of many people. You will find this very real among the secular and the religious circles. It is called unbelief and tradition. But unbelief and tradition of men can also be affecting God's people.
4. When God's people stick to unbelief like a gecko and people base their direction on human tradition a selfish heart becomes wicked and hardened like a flint stone. But then when we allow the Word of God to change our thinking what happens is that a selfish heart like mine will develop into a heart of obedience, love and kindness. When these three dynamics comes together it will make a liberal person out of you.
5. I would like to conclude this message this morning trying to put these three dynamics, Obedience, Kindness and love done for others.
6. I mentioned to you that God requires 3 tithes from Israel. Levitical Tithe, Festival Tithe and The Poor Tithe. These are the Dynamic trio of tithing in the OT.
7. Now we only teach and practice one tithing and that is the Levitical tithing principle to begin with. But then in the New Testament we go beyond what is required, we practice grace giving which motivates us to give according to love and kindness.

## 8. Be Liberal vs. 22

- A. Tithing is the starting point of Liberality.
- B. Terminate Debts Towards Liberality
- C. Treat People with Your Liberality vs. 7-11
- D. Treasure in heaven set up for Liberal People

### A MODEL CHURCH FOR SUPPORTING MISSIONARIES

**Text: *Philippians 4***

Let us look into a model church who laid up much treasure in heaven. This church amazingly gave to bless missionaries the day they got saved. ***At the beginning of the Gospel.....***

This Church Started supporting missionaries when they believed the Gospel ***Acts 16***

A Model church must have members that has a clear testimony of their salvation.

- A. Tender hearted lady vs. 12-15
- B. Tormented lass vs. 16-19
- C. Tough hearted lookout vs. 30-33

***Vs. 5 For fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now....***

These three examples are a type of people which represents potential groups in our church. Women' group, young people, families and individuals of our church. Wonderfully saved, serving and supporting.

Paul had this people in his heart - they are with Paul in bonds, to defend and to confirm the Gospel.

**1. Faith Promise Missions Giving must be prayed for v. 4-6**

It is a request made known unto God. It should not bother or worry you.

**2. Faith Promise Missions Giving ministers unto the necessities of the missionaries vs. 3, 16**

Paul was deputizing for fellow laborer

**3. Faith Promise Missions Giving must be consistent and continually given vs. 10, 16**

Thessalonica – within a period of 3 weeks these new Church sent 2 gifts for Paul. I am really amazed how these people grow in the grace of giving in such a short period of time. There are no series of lessons, no campaign or conference.

**4. Faith Promise Missions Giving produces fruit that abound to your account vs.17**

Character account  
Windows of Heaven  
Eternal Investment

**5. Faith Promise Missions Giving blesses God with a sweet smelling, acceptable, well pleasing to God vs. 18**

**6. Faith Promise Missions Giving will graciously supply your need vs. 19**

**7. Faith Promise Missions Giving will further the cause of the Gospel to save others vs. 22**

**Illustration:** July 21, Tanna Collins gave her wedding ring to the Lord. July 26, 1992, It was a wife who is about to go back to their mission field gave her wedding ring to the offering. The pastor called her to the office and would want to give it back

and said you do not have to give such valuable ring since it is her wedding ring. No she said, I want to give it to the Lord and be use for His work. It was on July 31, 1992 that Joe and Tanna Collins, and their five children, BIMI missionaries to Nepal were killed in a plane crash in the Himalayan mountains. All 114 people aboard the plane died. No bodies were ever recovered. The only thing of the Collins that was recovered was Tanna's Bible. In her Bible were found these words: **HOW MUCH SHALL I GIVE?**

- If I refuse to give anything to missions this year, I practically cast a ballot in favor of the recall of every missionary.
- If I give less than heretofore, I favor reduction of the missionary forces proportionate to my reduced contribution.
- If I give the same as formerly, I favor holding the ground already won; but I oppose any forward movement.
- If I increase my offering beyond former years, then I favor an advance movement in the conquest of new territory for Christ.

**Conclusion:** What does your giving say about how you feel about missions? Is your giving a vote cast to recall missionaries? Is it your giving a call for a reduction in missionaries? Is your giving an indication that you favor an advance in missions?

Is your giving refreshing, replenishing, reproducing?

