

## **Deut 15:5-6**

**5** if only you will strictly obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all this commandment that I command you today.

**6** For the LORD your God will bless you, as he promised you, and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow, and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you.

Now we know every promise of God comes with a condition.

In what we just read the promise here is the blessing of God. The condition is to obey God's voice and commands.

The commandment that God is making in this set of verses is referring to the Sabbatical Year. This is when all the creditors would release all debt that their brothers owed them.

So God asked them to release each other of their debts.

What He was really asking them was to be a generous people.

Now, to be a generous people means that you freely give and share in abundance.

There's probably people here today that is owed something by somebody.

Someone owes you money  
Someone owes you time  
Someone owes you an apology.

I don't know about you, but I want to be a blessed people, a blessed church.

So, I will encourage you tonight to be a generous people. I want you to freely give and share in abundance.

Give generously of your time

Give generously of your money  
Give generously of your forgiveness for each other.

If you want to see this place and your own life blessed, examine yourself.

Have you been generous?  
Have you been generous in your giving?  
Have you been generous in your time? Your talent? Your pardoning of offenses by your brothers and sisters?

Let's pray