



## The Ministry of the Open Hand

Deuteronomy 15:10-11

### I. We are to assist others generously.

- A. Giving generously means not \_\_\_\_\_ onto what we have, but \_\_\_\_\_ our hand to those in need (v. 8).
- B. Giving generously to others is the same as giving to the \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 25:35-44).
- C. Giving generously to others will be \_\_\_\_\_, though that should not be our motivation in giving (Luke 6:38).
- D. We are to give expecting \_\_\_\_\_ in return (v. 9).

### II. We are to assist others with the right attitude.

- A. Two attitudes work against open-handed giving: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (v.7).
- B. Giving, if done out of a \_\_\_\_\_, will not be blessed by God.
- C. Giving with the right attitude is illustrated in \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Paul says the Macedonians gave even when they were in \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.
- E. They \_\_\_\_\_ Paul to allow them to give. That's giving with the \_\_\_\_\_ attitude.

### III. We are to assist others because needs are always present.

- A. Jesus reminded us that there would always be \_\_\_\_\_ people (Matt. 25:11).
- B. Every generation has its poor people. Though some create their own poverty by their \_\_\_\_\_, many are poor through no control of their own.
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ in Southeast Asia over the last two years have reduced hundred of thousands, if not millions, to poverty beyond their control.
- D. It has recently been estimated that the recovery of the Gulf Coast region may take \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- E. Those people must have \_\_\_\_\_, as well as \_\_\_\_\_, assistance. Disaster Relief teams will be needed for a long time to come.

### IV. We are to assist others because God commands it.

- A. God says we "must \_\_\_\_\_ open [our] hand" to those who are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. His words are not \_\_\_\_\_—they are a command to be obeyed.
- C. God repeatedly commanded that those in need be \_\_\_\_\_ for (Lev. 19:10, 33; 23:22; 25:35-38; Deut. 24:14, 19-21).
- D. The implication of Jesus' words in Matthew 25:35-44 is that those commands are still \_\_\_\_\_ today.