

Deuteronomy 15:1-18

The Law as Wisdom – fulfilment in the life of the New Testament Church

Principle	NT Fulfilment and/or Application
The tension between upholding high ideals and legislating for sinful reality <i>v4 compared with v7 and v11</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral strategy – no lowering of standards but realism about the realities of this present age – 1 Jn 2:1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ see also Matt 19:1-9 (1 Cor 7: 10-16) concerning sex and marriage • Eschatological vision of a society which is perfectly obedient, completely blessed and free from poverty – i.e. the New Jerusalem – Rev 21:4 • The church an imperfect sign of this ‘coming age’ – Acts 4:34 • Realism – we won’t ‘make poverty history’; but we are right to support the fight against poverty without making it central or becoming unrealistic
Lending/giving generously is expected of the Lord’s people (<i>v8, 10-11</i>)	<p>Lk 12:33</p> <p>Acts 2:45</p> <p>Acts 4:32-35</p> <p>1 Tim 6:17-18</p> <p>1 Jn 3:17</p> <p>Eph 4:28</p>
He is <u>your brother</u> – social inclusion and restoring economic equality within the covenant community	<p>Gal 6:10</p> <p>1 Cor 11:17-22</p> <p>2 Cor 8:13-15</p> <p>James 2:1-9</p>

<p>Not just welfare legislation – it's about what sort of people we are – relationship between eye (how we view others), heart (inner motivation) and hand (deed) (See v7-11)</p>	<p>Matt 6:19-23</p> <p>Col 3:5</p> <p>1 Jn 3:17-18</p>
<p>Motivation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are a redeemed people (v15) • Land as gift from the Lord (v4); only giving from the Lord's blessing (v14) • Promise of blessing (v4, 6, 10, 18) • You are not losing out (v18) 	<p>2 Cor 8:9</p> <p>1 Tim 6:17</p> <p>2 Cor 9:9-11</p> <p>Luke 12:22-34</p> <p>1 Tim 6:19</p> <p>2 Cor 8:13</p>
<p>Generous treatment of slaves because of the work they have given; no life-long slavery except voluntary slavery on the basis of love (v12-18)</p>	<p>Col 4:1</p> <p>1 Tim 6:2</p>