

ON LABOR AND FINANCE

Deuteronomy 24:10-22

In Genesis humans are called to be stewards. In Exodus the people are called to gather only as much as each person needs. In Deuteronomy provisions are made so that no one goes without. In the Gospels, Jesus encourages generosity. In Acts, offerings are collected to redistribute wealth to where it is needed. The Bible reveals the call of God's people to be managers in God's economy, and God's business is giving and forgiving!

☐ **Monday: Read Deuteronomy 24:10-13.**

Why do you think God commands respect for a borrower's personal space and dignity? How does God's word challenge common attitudes about money and power today?

☐ **Tuesday: Read Deuteronomy 24:14-15.**

Why does God care about prompt and fair payment for daily workers? How might this speak to labor practices today, and to how people are treated in the workplace?

☐ **Wednesday: Read Deuteronomy 24:19-22.**

Why is it important that those who have enough make room for those who don't? What would it look like for you to "leave some behind" for others in your financial or personal habits?

☐ **Thursday: Read Deuteronomy 15:1-2.**

How does the presence of debt affect society, particularly the vulnerable and poor? How might this Biblical understanding of debt forgiveness apply to today?

☐ **Friday: Read Luke 16:1-15.**

What is the connection between how we handle money and how we handle spiritual responsibility? What does it mean to "serve God, not money" in your day-to-day choices – at work, at home, or in generosity?

☐ **Saturday: Read Luke 6:30-38**

How is Jesus' view of money and mercy different from the world's view? What's one step you can take to live more generously and justly this week?

Biblical teaching calls for concern and justice for laborers. It instructs against exploiting the poor, promoting fair and timely payment of wages and respect for personal dignity, even in debt collection. As Christ-followers, we are called to act with compassion, honoring laborers with fairness, generosity, and hearts aligned with God's justice. **The Bible invites us to be fair, forgive debt, and extend mercy as God is merciful.**