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GIVE AWAY THE BORDERS OF YOUR LIFE

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"When you harvest the corners of your life, don't cut it cleanly; save some of it for the poor."

Give away the borders of your life if you want to be rich in the spirit.

This was Moses' Old Testament Law, but it applies to people like yourself and me.

Don't cut the corner right to the edge---

Don't squeeze the last drop out of the juice.

Give away the borders of your life and have a little margin in your life for the stranger and the poor.

Point is at the border of your life is where the growth takes place --- Place where your own development comes.

The border of your life is where you meet your grandson and member of your family where you get acquainted.

At the border of life is where a man and woman meet and learn to build a solid family.

This is the part we sometimes throw away. So busy with the center that we miss the (crust) of the pie or biscuit.

Give away the border because this is where you become mature.

This term of agriculture is the pace where you face strangers. We interface with one another or we don't.

The poet says we pass like (ships) in the night.

When you interface with strangers --- you don't grab every dollar, grab every grain of wheat; let some stand, for the poor in spirit, for the foreigner who comes walking through your land, and all eyes are upon him saying, "Who's that?"

Give away the borders of life because that is where the riches of difference takes place.

That's where the difference is where the (rock) and the (pipe) make the boundary --- where her side of the house is your side of the house.

Difference is how we leave some room for the (machinery) to swing into the curve and leave some golden grain.

Leave room for that young man, that curious old man,
the people of different nations, classes, races.

We have never been strangers as Israel was, so we don't
make enough provisions for differences. We rush and make the
mostest the fastest and haul away everything in sight.

God said through Moses, "Guard the give-away border of
your life if you want to be rich." Here's where you'll meet the
stranger.

Some have hard time in giving to missions. There are
more good reasons for not giving to missions, if you really do not
want to give.

A man in a church was dead set against missions and he
was outspoken, until he was out in Mexico and his wife was taken
with a pain in her side. They stopped by a little whitewashed
mission station. Doctor there saved his wife. After that, he was
like a bull in a china shop for missions.

The point is let's leave the borders because there will
come a time when the stranger, the rebel, the no-supporters of
missions and all the rest will need some of this golden grain, if
we can wait for that conversion point.

I SMILED AT THIS: An 8-year-old wrote a composition for Father's Day. "He can climb the highest mountain or swim the biggest ocean. He can fly the fastest plane and fight the strongest tiger. My father can do anything. But most of the time, he just carries out the garbage."

Let's be practical --- ~~what can you do?~~

We are all in this together.

I. In your job.

The skills you possess, give them away ---

School Teacher can do this ---

You say preacher you are crazy; the world does not want it that way, but that's what the scripture says anyway.

Jesus said give and it shall be given unto you, with what measure you give it shall be scooped unto you.

Moses said when you cut the harvest with the combine, don't go up into the corner and double back, make a wide turn and leave it standing for the poor and stranger.

This is found in the story of Ruth. Ruth was an alien. Coming home to a strange village and feeling the eyes watching her. She walked with her mother-in-law.

She went out in the fields to glean and grab up the scrubby bits of grain and brought back a good portion of wheat.

Boaz watching his crew, came riding up and asked who is that young lady. He said give her a couple extra hands full.

Invited her to have food --- none of my men will harm you.
Come back tomorrow.

You know what happened --- he married her. She took her place in the (lineage of Jesus)

That (says) to us in your place of work you give yourself away. Whatever your work.

Jesus says give your self away.

A man who lost his job. The only job he could get was (reading meters) He was angry, hurt, in trouble. He went out to work upset. He went to the basement of this apartment (house) and saw some bare wires and recognized the potential trouble; got some insulating tape and fixed the wires --- made them secure. Went out, felt better. This thing was like a (steam roller). Later in the week he found this elderly woman on the kitchen floor, been there for eight hours and brought her aid. Got acquainted with another man, had stroke on porch, could not come out in bad weather. He got an idea, rusty screen, got some people and built a glassed-in porch and the man could be out in the winter sun.

He began to give himself away and his testimony was his life was richer since he had taken the task of meter reader.

Furniture salesman. Most receive a scriptural answer from Matt. "I'm just looking".

Preachers get the same word today at the door when they visit --- person says "I'm just looking, I'm just looking." I want to go to the methodist first, I'm just looking!

This fellow went up to everyone even though they looked like an inappropriate prospect; he did not pick and choose, trying to make a killing. Even though they were just looking, they went away with a smile and cheer. He gave away the border of his life.

When you celebrate the feasts, don't cut every last grain out of the corners. Give it away --- let others glean it.

Your life is really an energy machine --- generate life, joy, hope --- stimulating to know as you give it away there is no exhausting of the grace of God in the power of the heart and the mind.

We save every little bit of dough and stick it in a jar and put it in the ice box and keep it for ourselves. Save a little bit of everything. Give away the borders of your life where you work!

Handicap people give away borders of your life.

The ^{effort} applician quilt work --- where did it start. One woman a long time ago cried out for her son's education, "God you promised and I have nothing" --- her mind began to work and she begins to think of a leather bound trunk up in the loft and went up and picked up this lovely, beautiful material and she began to make this lovely quilt. People came along and wanted to buy it and wanted her to make another one, two for me, one for them. She became the founder of this whole cottage industry ^{applician} applician quilt. She brought joy to other people. Give away the borders of your life.

Flannery O'Conner stuck on red clay farm of Ga. But with her pen writing letters of inspiration to young people in New York and the university at Charlottesville.

Give away your border.

The yard is filled with sunshine. Paul said "we see through a glass now --- then we shall see more clearly.

Queen of Sheba said the half has not been told me.

II. In your culture.

Men did not recognize Jesus ---

(Syrophenician) woman came to Jesus; my daughter was sick --- be it so to you as you believe. She was different.
Mark 7:26.

Some of (things) we argue about today, there may be a (tear) in our eye of regret of wasted time because we were wrong.

If we gave away the borders of our lives we would grasp the (meaning) of God's kingdom and of His church.

In (church) often we play (tiddlywinks) talking big like children, playing with paper, soap, Raggedy Ann dolls --- we look in the narrow limits of our own culture and afraid of other people, even religious people. We give names to them --- liberal, fundamentalist, middle of the roader, catholic.

God says let the (wheat) stand in the corner of your fields. Who knows but what (Ruth) may come gleaning.

You may (never) know (who) may come by and soak up life and growth.

Edward Markham said --- "We drew a larger circle and included him in" --- Give away the borders of your culture.

III. Your compassion.

Give away the richness of your style of life and your spirit.

We are not all alike.

Woman who touched the hem of His garment, ill for years, unclean --- unhappy, depressed.

If only I can touch the hem of His garment I shall be whole and clean, and loved, and accepted.

Jesus said who touched me --- the woman said I did.
He looked with compassion and she was healed.

He gave Himself to people who touched Him. There are people who touch you. Help people and not know it. People who run gas station, supermarket, touch not know it; doctors, etc.

Give away the border of your life.

Kirkland had a hospital experience. Italian nurse would come in and announce --- like a rooster at day break --- she would stand in the doorway and announce this is the Lord's Day and I hope you feel better --- and we did. Yet other nurses would come in and you felt night had come!

What is the difference --- it was the energy of her spirit that she gave away. That made wounded men feel like they wanted to get up and walk again. That life was going to go on.

Today it's Protectionism --- don't do too much --- it may look bad.

How little can I do.

Jesus said give away the borders of your life. Don't cut every corner and protect yourself --- give it away.

Scientist --- opened chest --- 5 bypasses. Preacher visited in the hospital; Where is Walter? He is out visiting among patients who have given up hope. One man who was in pain and said I can't stand it. This man went in and witnessed to him and saved the man's life.

Men and women it is so exciting to give away the border of your life.

Harvard student received a paper with few marks on, he was upset. He went to another professor in same department and asked if he could talk to --- yes, bring your paper to my home tonight. He took it and promised to read. He did and made marks

on some pages, told him idea was alright but he would have to re-write the whole paper.

The student was upset, but he did as instructed. Years later he remembered the professor who showed him compassion and led to refined scholarship. While the more outstanding professor failed to touch his life.

You don't know when you give away the border of your life to some older person, some younger person --- it's a chore, a bore, burden, you are turning around the whole life of the principle we have before us.

And it really works.

Have you ever heard of Ding Bat? (Archie Bunker's wife!) Gene Stapleton said one of the most profound things, she got tired of being Ding Bat; do you blame her --- she wanted to play the role of Eleanor Roosevelt and she resigned as Ding Bat. She wanted to give away the border of her life and she said No to Ding Bat in order to emerge in the role of Eleanor.

This is what we hold up to you --- give away the borders of your life freely --- extravagantly.

Do not hold the corner from the alien and the strangers and you will enrich your life.

You will be like Julia Cameron tells of grandma who in home of drunk husband picked pretty things from her garden.

Betty Ebraham Wanted to see the great woman of god, Calcutta, India, known as Mother Theresa
Arrived early evening - Sitters hated - disturb her because they were bad child in her corner that day
she came out - Peace on her face - How does this apply to the issues of today?

1. Helping the handicapped to fulfill their lives ---
leave something for them.

2. Use the scrap pieces of time in our lives that we waste. Obey even in small matters.

Joy of the harvest should express itself in charity to the poor.

When they gathered in their corn, they must leave some standing in the corner of the field.

Jewish doctrine says --- "it should be a sixtieth part of the field."

Leave the gleanings and small clusters of their grapes, which at first were overlooked.

We must not be covetous and griping and greedy of everything we can lay claim to.

Nor insist upon our rights in things small and trivial.

use to be Easy to love our Neighbors - we know who they were.
 Then we ran out of sugar or lard we walked over with empty cups & sticks
 we know them - we drop into Neighbor's kitchen & chat & a bite
 of what was cooking.

Harvest time is a proper time for charity.

3600 Hz Man from Jer. to Jericho - wounded by robbers - Samaritan gave
border of his life

There are at least Seven Experiences in the christian

life.
 stopped - touched - took care rudy man - blind woman - iron corner of his
life promised to pay his lodging

1. Feast of Passover v.5 Saved by blood. Precious
 blood. 1 Peter 1:18-19
2. Feast of Unleavened Bread v. 6 Cleansed by the word.
3. Feast of First Fruits v. 10-12 Consecrated to God.
4. Feast of Weeks v. 15-22 Filling of the Holy Spirit.
 Pentecost.
5. Feast of Trumpets v. 23-25 The publishing of the Gospel.
6. Feast of Atonements v. 26-32 The Final Salvation.
7. Feast of Tabernacles v. 33-43 Walking with God.

Funeral July 98 - Husband died 1916 - 4 small children & support - sewing, making clothes.
children - married - she lived - Blissful grand children - cooking - carrying for sick - gone away
 Very touching on the last day of this feast Jesus stood Border of her life
 and cried "if any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink."