

Proverbs 19:17 - Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.

To give the loan and to take the loan and to pay back the loan this is a general matter of our life. Jesus said to be kind just as your heavenly father is kind. And also Jesus said if somebody asks you so give him. When I found this word that I may give the loan to God then I thought who has the all authority, all power, and all wealth, in that God will allow me to give the loan (to God). Really this is very interesting. Yes my dear Brothers and Sisters – God’s word said this in proverb 19: 17. He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord and He will pay back what he has given.

Think very deeply about this verse if you want to help the poor. So by doing this, you are giving the loan to the Lord. Do you remember that in your life when you did help someone who was poor? So I ask you look at in your blessings and see how much blessing God has done for you. Paul said we should help suffering people especially the brothers in Christ. Many people have a lot of wealth but they don’t have the helping mind(set). And many people are very busy to arrange their money to put in the bank. They don’t like to buy a new car, a new house, and don’t use the money in the business. They just keep the money in the bank-they think that money will save them. Is it true the money can save you? So I wonder what they will do with that money. I think they mean the money is their second God. I remember the Bible talks about a man in Luke 12:19- “And I will say my soul, soul you have many goods laid up for many years take your ease; eat, drink and be merry.” And God said to that man in verse 20: ‘But God said to him “Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?” Also Solomon said in Ecclesiastes 2:14 & 2:17 – ‘everything (gaining wealth) is meaningless under the sun – (we’re) just running after (chasing) the wind.’

I would like to tell a little testimony of my life. Long days ago a man, his name is Sucil, he was drug addicted. One day he went to a hospital for his healing and he got treatment and he become ok. But, because of his drug use his family left him and in our society people also used to hate him. But I loved him and I tried to help him. He used to sleep in a little old cottage during that time and it was the winter season and so, much colder. One evening he told me “I need a blanket. I can’t sleep well in the cold and I told him “Ok, I will give you a blanket for the night time.” In my bed I had two blankets and a wrapper. I thought, “I will give him a blanket but if my mother sees it, so he may be forbidden to have it. Because of this I tried to hide that I gave that man a blanket. Some days later my mother saw in my bed there was only one blanket and she asked me where is the other one? I said I have given it to the drug addicted man. My mother said, “You don’t have enough but you go to help others?” At that time I answered my mother, there are many people who have lot of

wealth but they don't have a helping mind(set). I also said if I have 5 Taka (like 5 cent) so I give three cent from my five cent. I tried to show her my heart.

So in Christ my dear brothers and sisters the point here is if you have some money try to help with what you have. Don't think you have to increase your money and then after the increase, you would help. Just try to have a helping heart from 'the little pieces.'

This is the time to give the loan to the Lord. Can you think of it? You may give the loan to the Lord who has all wealth. I think this is the great opportunity to give the loan to the Lord. Please don't miss it. There are other important verses in the ending of my message. Proverbs 3:27-28: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so. Do not say to your neighbor, Go and come back, and tomorrow I will give it when you have it with you. Thank you everybody, may God bless you.

In Christ, Uttam from Bangladesh.

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Note – Uttam is a good friend and Brother who has taught me much in the way of humility and sincerity. I asked him to write for this ministry, knowing he would do so from the heart and only after seeking the face of God in the matter. (He has a childlike faith)

I was very careful to limit editing his message (clarifying the translation from Bangla to English) so his heart could be heard. Uttam currently lives on \$150-\$200 (US) a year, while the national average for Bangladesh is \$300-400 (US). And yet, he asks for nothing other than that we experience the blessings that come when we give to God by helping the poor.

I have found joy, even while in the midst of suffering, by giving to those in need. God has used this truth faithfully to minister to me over the years.

May you also be blessed... DFB