

Deuteronomy 12-17 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Deut 14:1-21 what prohibitions were given (v1, 3, 7-8, 10, 12-19, 21) and why (v2, 21)? What was permitted (v4-6, 9, 11, 20)?

5. Based on 14:22-29 what was the 1st priority of material increase (v22, 23, 24-26, 27)? What other tithe was necessary (v28)? Why were these both important (v23, 29)?

6. Read 15:1-11. What was to occur every 7 years (v1-2) and for whom (v3)? What was the ideal (v4-5, 6) and the reality (v11)? How were they to treat the poor (v7-8, 9-11)? Apply.

7. Using 15:12-23 how were Hebrew slaves to be honored (v12, 13-14, 18) and why (v15)? What was the slave's option (v16-17)? How was God to be honored in sacrifices (v19-23)?

8. From 16:1-17 outline the features and purpose of the 3 annual feasts (v1-8, 9-12, 13-17). Where were they to be held (v5-6, 15-16)? What was the value of this?

9. According to 16:18-17:13 how was justice (v18-20, 17:6-7, 8-11, 12-13) and spiritual purity (16:21-22, 17:1, 2-5) to be maintained in Canaan? What 2 relationships would this protect?

10. In 17:14-20 what did God know would happen in the land (v14) and what standards did He set (v15, 16-17, 18-19)? What would these accomplish (v16, 17, 19, 20)?

11. Look back over Deut 12-17. How would these statutes promote spiritual integrity (12:1-14:21), financial integrity (14:22-15:23), and social integrity (16:1-17:20)?

Scripture to Remember

“You shall follow the Lord
your God and fear Him; and
you shall keep His command-
ments, listen to His voice, serve
Him and cling to Him.”

Deuteronomy 10:1 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Loving My Security (1 John 2:1-14)

(Using- questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Talk about some ways that people try to “feel” secure in their home, or financially. How well does that work? What do people do to feel secure eternally?
2. Read 1 Jn 2:1-2. Identify the judge, defendant, prosecutor and advocate in these verses. What is the role and status of each? What is your reaction to this?
3. Define “propitiation” and who becomes this for us. Examine the 5 aspects of it (alleviates God's wrath, addresses God's justice, affirms God's love, accomplished by Christ's sacrifice, appropriated by faith), and which one means the most to you.
4. Talk about why positive “change” is inevitable for a true believer (see Jn 3:3, 2 Cor 5:17, 2 Cor 3:18). Why does this make a believer feel secure?
5. What does it mean that your “direction of life” will change if you are a true child of God? Give examples from your own life.
6. How do you know if your love is deepening and if you are developing maturity? Although God brings this about in your life, what is your part in these things?
7. If there is time discuss anything else meaningful to you from the message Sunday.



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Straight Up Introduction to Deuteronomy 12-17



We must leave a legacy of God's Word for the next generation.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

According to the Online Slang Dictionary "straight up" means "truthfully", or the way things really are. In other words it means to speak with integrity, no hidden agendas—like "straight up, I'm not lying". In Deuteronomy 12-17 God calls for His people to be "straight up" in every way, to live with spiritual, financial, and social integrity. Moses first appeals for spiritual integrity by revealing God's command to destroy every idolatrous place in Canaan. He then told them that they were to take their sacrifices to the place appointed by God, rather than doing what is "right in their own eyes" like the pagans around them. He did allow them to eat meat without the blood, but they were to follow God's rules for their holy offerings. They were to also reject any influ-

ence to worship idols, whether it was false prophets—even if they performed signs—or their family or other cities. They were to be completely purged from Israel. In the next section God insured financial integrity for His people, that relationships and not money would be the highest value. First they were to tithe to support the Levitical priests, then cancel debts every seven years, and finally they were to care for the poor among them. Similarly, they were to free slaves every seven years, remembering that they had been slaves in Egypt themselves. Slaves were units of labor, so this would also help them keep the value of human beings higher than money. In the last section God laid out some essential behaviors for social integrity. Three times each year all Israel would celebrate feasts to the Lord to-

gether. This would keep their national identity intact. God also instructed them to purge any idolater from their midst so they would remain pure, but they could be executed only by the testimony of multiple eyewitnesses. Similarly, justice in other areas would be impartial and binding, upon threat of death. Finally, when a king came on the scene he would have to be one of them, keep his life simple, and adhere to God's law which he read each year so he would remain humble. God wanted them all to be "straight up" in every area.

Daily Study Questions for Deuteronomy 12-17

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to <http://www.thehospitalchurch.com/LifeGuides.html>—lesson notes)

<p>1. Look at Deuteronomy 12:1-14. What was the focus of these verses (v5, 8, 13-14) and how would this occur (v2-4, 5-7, 9-12)?</p>	
<p>2. From 12:15-32 what was permitted (v15, 20-22) and what was not (v16-18, 19, 23-25)? What were they commanded spiritually (v26-27, 29-31, 32)? Why (v28)?</p>	
<p>3. Using 13:1-18 what 3 influences could lead someone into idolatry (v1, 6, 12-13) and how would each occur (v2, 6-7, 13)? How was each to be treated (v3-5; 8-11; 14-17)? Why (v17-18)? Apply.</p>	

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