

LEAVING A CORNER DEVOTIONAL 1



Read Leviticus 19:9-10 (NIV)

“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.”

This law handed down to the ancient Israelites required that landowners leave any grain that dropped to the ground during harvest; they were forbidden to pick their fields clean. They were not allowed to even collect the stalks growing on the edges of their fields. The leftovers belonged to the poor, especially widows, orphans and needy foreigners. In this way, an agricultural society could provide a safety net for the poor. Because their land really belonged to God, the practice of gleaning served to remind landowners that they were stewards of God’s property, sharing with the less fortunate.

Questions for Thought or Discussion

1. *What practices today equate to “leaving a corner” for those who have financial needs?*
2. *In what way is this passage a reminder during times of economic stress about the One Who really owns and provides all we have?*
3. *What are you doing to share with those who have less?*