

Mercy Came a Runnin' (6): When the Debt Is 600,000 to One"

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☐ Matthew 18:21-35

- ◆ The combined total annual taxes in the time of Christ for Judea, Idumea, Samaria, Galilee and Perea amounted to only _____ talents.
- ◆ One talent was equal to approximately _____ years labor.
 - So 10,000 talents equaled _____ years of wages!
 - One talent = 75 lbs of silver x 16 oz = 1200 oz @ \$13/oz = \$15,600 x 10,000 talents = \$_____
- ◆ *You and I are infinitely, indefinitely and impossibly _____ to God!*
 - Just like that _____ canceled our debt!
 - II Corinthians 8:9—"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became _____, that you through His poverty might become _____."
 - Robert Robinson, "O, to grace how great a _____ daily I'm constrained to be!"
- ◆ One talent = 6000 denarii x 10,000 talents = 60,000,000 denarii ÷ 100 denarii = a debt ratio of _____ :1
 - One talent = 20 years of labor x 10,000 = 200,000 years of labor @ 300 days/yr = 60,000,000 days of labor ÷ 100 days of labor = a debt ratio of _____ :1

☐ The moral of the story?

- ◆ "_____ you have received; _____ give" (Matthew 10:8).
- ◆ The words of the King in *The Message* make the point inescapably clear: "You evil servant! I forgave your entire debt when you begged me for _____. Shouldn't you be compelled to be _____ to your fellow servant who asked for _____?" (Matthew 18:32, 33)
- ◆ Which being interpreted means: "Freely you have received _____ from God; freely, therefore, give _____ to all."
- ◆ In _____ of mercy, yes . . . but also in _____ of mercy, too.
 - "Nearly _____ million Americans are living in deep or severe poverty. . . . The share of poor Americans in deep poverty has climbed slowly but steadily over the last three decades. But since 2000, the number of

severely poor has grown 'more than any other segment of the population,' according to the *American Journal of Preventative Medicine*. . . . One in three severely poor people are under _____ , and nearly _____ out of three are female. Female-headed families with children account for a _____ share of the severely poor." (*SBTribune* 2-25-07)

- "So also with the gifts and blessings of this life: whatever you may possess above your fellows places you in _____ , to that degree, to all who are less favored. Have we wealth, or even the comforts of life, then we are under the most solemn obligation to care for the suffering sick, the widow, and the fatherless _____ as we would desire them to care for us were our condition and theirs to be reversed." (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing* 136)
- Will you help us in Benton Harbor?

*"Freely you have received;
freely give"*

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