

*“Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment: Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause.”  
(Exodus 23:2-3, KJV)*

# THE LAWS OF JUSTICE AND MERCY

EXODUS 23:1-12

Use with Bible Study Guide 7.

## WORDS, PHRASES, AND DEFINITIONS

Write the definition of the following words.

1. Renegotiate: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Impartial: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Wrest judgment: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Put not thine hand with the wicked: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Take no gift: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do not oppress a stranger: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Sow thy land: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Son of the handmaid: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Covenant: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Imperative: \_\_\_\_\_

## JUMP-STARTING THE LESSON

11. Why was Toni helping Binta? (In Focus)

She wanted her neighborhood to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

12. How did Toni help Binta?

She looked over the \_\_\_\_\_ and helped her renegotiate it with the \_\_\_\_\_.

## UNDERSTANDING THE LESSON

13. Look at verses 3 and 6 in the NLT and underline how the poor should be treated in court: (Focal Verses)

- a. Do not favor a person because that person is poor.
  - b. Do not deny justice to the poor.
  - c. Give the poor person the benefit of the doubt.
14. What non-legal terms are included in God's hatred of lying? (The People, Places, and Times)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (O S G S P I), \_\_\_\_\_ (D R S A L N E)
15. What does Exodus 20:22–23:33 expand upon? (Background) The Ten \_\_\_\_\_
16. Underline five commands from verses 1 through 3: (In Depth)
- a. Don't pass along false rumors.
  - b. Don't make your donkey work on the Sabbath.
  - c. Don't cooperate with evil by lying on the witness stand.
  - d. Don't show favoritism to the poor.
  - e. Don't follow the crowd in doing wrong.
  - f. Don't wear white after Labor Day.
  - g. Don't twist justice.
17. The just person must help in all situations, whether the person needing help is a \_\_\_\_\_ or  
 a \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Why are bribes forbidden? Bribes \_\_\_\_\_ judges to justice.
19. Underline the good that comes about due to honoring the Sabbath year.
- a. Farmers are compelled to rely on God's grace, which strengthens their faith.
  - b. The Sabbath year provides food for the poor.
  - c. The Sabbath provides a rest for all.

**COMMITTING TO THE WORD**

20. Memorize and write verbatim:

Exodus 23:2–3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**WALKING IN THE WORD**

21. How can you help someone in need this week? Write down your answer.

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