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¹¹ There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore, I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.

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Challenge

What if we adopted and continually fostered the settled attitude of when we are aware of our resources, our first thought is , “Okay Lord, who is this for?”



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