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Question:

If somebody saw only how I use my resources, what would they conclude matters _____ to me?

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And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

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_____ use what God has placed in my hands.

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Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly.

And give according to what you have, not what you don’t have.

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Faithfulness begins with what God has already placed in my _____ – not what I wished He had placed there.

Question:

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Final Challenge:

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(example: money, family, retirement, occupation, education, etc.)

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