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2. What do you forget on a regular basis (car keys, lunch bag, vitamins, bus pass...)?

Understanding

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3. Read Deuteronomy 14:22-29. What principles or practices do you think God is establishing in these verses? Why do you think God is instructing Israel to tithe (set aside a tenth)?
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Living

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2. Are your financial plans "clearly spelled out" or "generally understood"?
3. Is your household (or are you personally) close to the 10-10-80 goal (save 10%, give 10%, live on 80%)? What steps could you take to move closer?
4. Are there any practices you'd like to adopt to remind you that "God owns everything"?

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