

# Deuteronomy 15:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy winepress: of that wherewith the LORD thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.

## Analysis

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**Of that wherewith the LORD thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him**—The motivation for generosity: you're redistributing God's blessing, not surrendering your achievement. This destroys pride: **What hast thou that thou didst not receive?** (1 Corinthians 4:7). The master's wealth came from God's blessing, making stinginess toward the freed servant ingratitude toward God.

The Greek word *koinonia* (κοινωνία, 'fellowship, sharing') describes the early church: **All that believed were together, and had all things common** (Acts 2:44). This wasn't communism but recognition that **the earth is the LORD's** (Psalm 24:1). We're stewards, not owners. The servant law embodied 'kingdom economics': abundant grace produces generous giving, creating flourishing community.

## Historical Context

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In agrarian Israel, livestock, grain, and wine represented capital, not mere commodities—the means of production. Giving these to freed servants transferred wealth-generating capacity, not just consumables. This radical generosity distinguished Israelite society from surrounding cultures.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does viewing your resources as 'God's blessing to redistribute' rather than 'my achievement to protect' change your generosity?
2. What capital goods (wealth-generating assets, skills, connections) could you share to empower others' flourishing?
3. In what ways does Acts 2:44's 'all things common' reflect this Deuteronomic principle of covenant generosity?

## Interlinear Text

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<p>תַּעֲנִיק Thou shalt furnish H6059</p>	<p>תַּעֲנִיק Thou shalt furnish H6059</p>	<p>ל ו H0</p>	<p>מִצֵּא אֶנֶךָ out of thy flock H6629</p>	<p>וּמִגִּרְנֶךָ and out of thy floor H1637</p>
<p>וּמִקֶּבֶךָ and out of thy winepress H3342</p>	<p>אֲשֶׁר H834</p>	<p>בֵּרַכְךָ hath blessed H1288</p>	<p>יְהוָה of that wherewith the LORD H3068</p>	
<p>אֱלֹהֶיךָ thy God H430</p>	<p>תִּתֵּן thee thou shalt give H5414</p>	<p>לָּוִי H0</p>		