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### **Parashat Ki-Tetze**

In this week's Parasha it says, when you reap your harvest in your field, and you forget a bundle in the field, you shall not turn back to take it; it shall be for the poor...and he will be blessed...

Rashi comments that from this verse we may derive that if someone loses money which is then found by a poor man who uses it to sustain himself, the person who lost the money receives a blessing. The farmer receives a blessing simply because a poor person has derived benefit from grain that was formerly his, even though this happens only through the farmer's forgetfulness over which he has no control. Similarly, then, when someone loses a coin and a poor man benefits from it, the loser is entitled to a blessing, even though the loss occurred against his will and possibly even without his knowledge.

Shabbat Shalom,  
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