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A large pile of old, dark, and worn coins, possibly pennies, is shown against a black background. The coins are scattered and overlapping, with some showing signs of age and discoloration. Overlaid on the coins is the text "The Grace of Giving" in a white, elegant, cursive script. The text is centered and spans across the middle of the image.

The Grace of Giving

2 Corinthians 8:10-15

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Today's Message:

A Gospel Theology of Stuff:

*How knowing what it is can help you
to be a good steward of it.*

Get 'er done!

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“Why are we doing this again?”

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A Gospel Theology of Stuff

1. God Created Stuff



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Genesis 1:31

God saw all that he had made,
and it was very good.

2. God owns everything!

*Mayer Deed
to
Walter Bird*

*Convey No 2905
Filed November 29th 1872
Grantor Book "H" Page 609
James O Daniels
By J. O. Daniels Deputy
6555*

Walter Bird

*Walter Bird & Wife
Jas Coffey*

No 441

Warranty Deed.

Walter Bird
Grantor

TO

Corabella Bird
Grantee

Dated *Mar 29th* 1884

Recorded at the request of
Jas Coffey

MAR 30 1884 150
at *11* o'clock *A.* M., in Book
87 of Deeds, Page *294*

John P. ...
Recorder of *...* County,
Abel R. ...
Deputy.

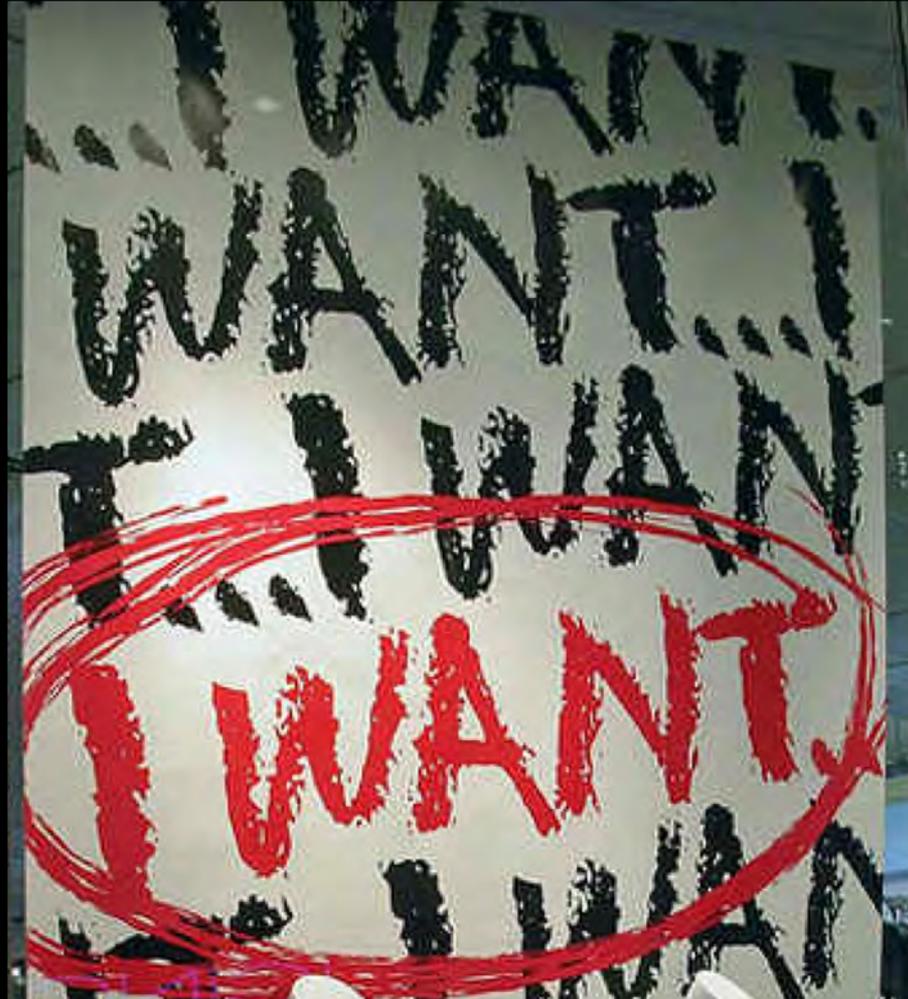
For Sale by Public Sale, Legal Estate, Prov. 1846.

2. God owns everything!

1 Corinthians 10:25-26 (quoting Psalm 24:1)

²⁵ Eat anything sold in the meat market
without raising questions of conscience,
²⁶ for, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.”

3. People like to hoard stuff



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Exodus 16:11-18

¹¹The LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’ ”

¹³That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

¹⁴When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

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Exodus 16:11-18

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Each one is to gather as much as he needs. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.’ ”

¹⁷The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. ¹⁸And when they measured it by the omer, he who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little. Each one gathered as much as he needed.

3. People like to hoard stuff

Exodus 16:19-20

¹⁹Then Moses said to them,

“No one is to keep any of it until morning.”

²⁰However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell.

So Moses was angry with them.

4. The abundance of possessions/wealth can be a blessing...



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Job 42:10-17

¹⁰After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before. ¹¹All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the LORD had brought upon him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring. ¹²The LORD blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand

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camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. ¹³And he also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch.

¹⁵Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation.

¹⁷And so he died, old and full of years.

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Mark 10:17-27

¹⁷As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No-one is good – except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

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²⁰“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

²¹Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

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²²At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. ²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴The disciples were amazed at his words.

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But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

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²⁶The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

Summary:

- Stuff is created by God and is good
 - God owns everything
 - People like to hoard stuff
- The Abundance of Stuff can be a blessing
or a hindrance

Summary:

*So, what am I to do
with my “stuff”?*

A Gospel Theology of Stuff:

How then, do we handle wealth?

1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

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3. Hope in God

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HOPE

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ENJOYMENT

You've Got To Love What You're Doing. If You Love It, You Can Overcome Any Handicap Or The Soreness Or All The Aches And Pains, And Continue To Play For A Long, Long Time.

~ Gordie Howe ~

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5. Generosity and Sharing

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6. Life that is truly life

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Does Jesus own everything in your life?