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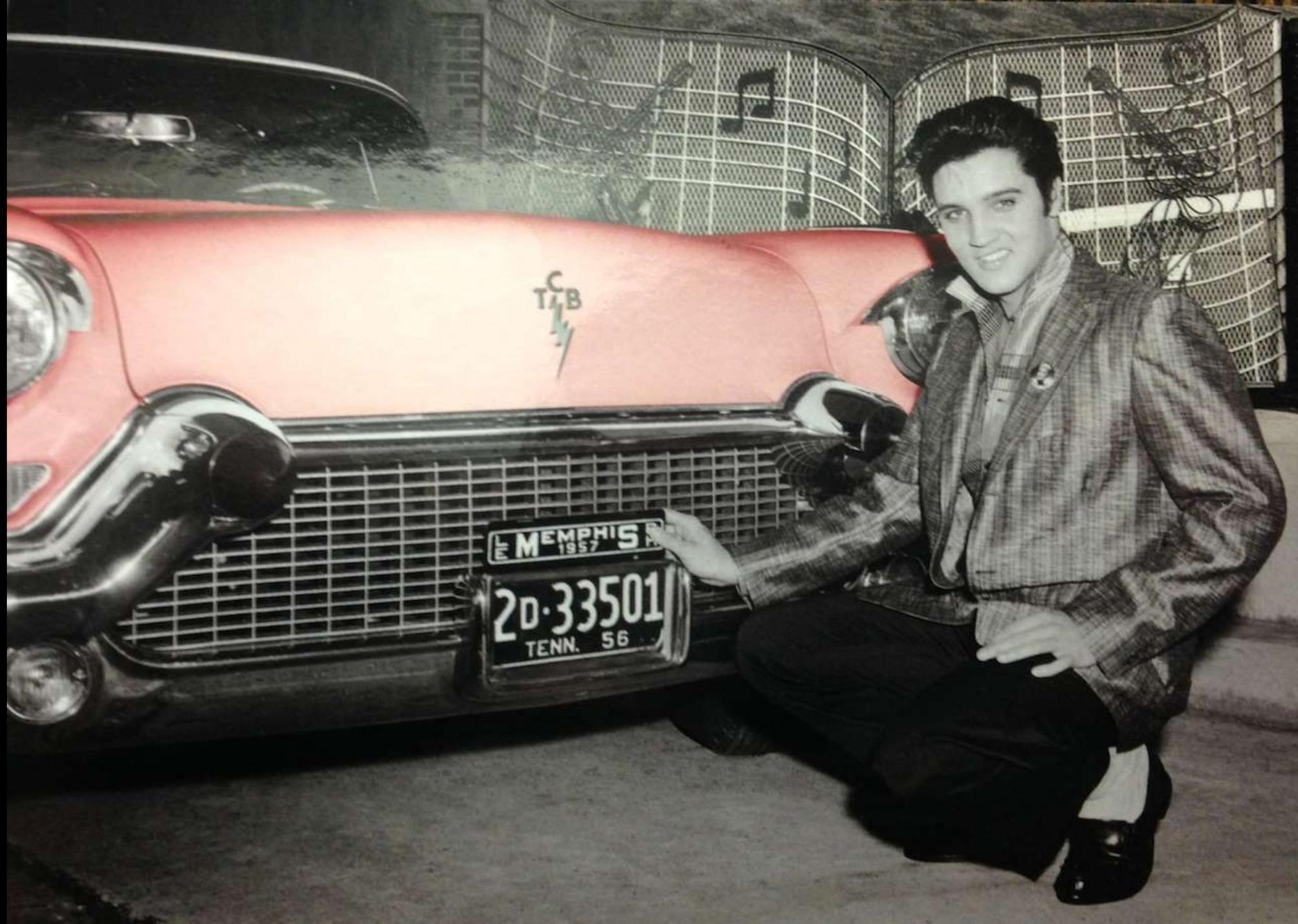




“I only remember him giving to people....I remember people going to him saying, ‘I just got a bum deal,’ and bang, there was a check. I never saw him not doing something for somebody, ever...That was probably the one thing that kept him sane, was his ability to give back.”

(Lisa Marie Presley, as quoted in Sandi Fox Norton’s article “Elvis – His Generosity Was Amazing” on [iheartelvis.net](http://iheartelvis.net), March 12, 2011)









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2 Corinthians 8:1-5 (ESV): “We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, **2** for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. **3** For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, **4** begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints – **5** and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.”



1 Corinthians 16:1-3 (ESV): “Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. **2** On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. **3** And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. **4** If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me. **5** I will visit you after passing through Macedonia, for I intend to pass through Macedonia.”



1 Corinthians 4:8 (ESV): “Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich!”

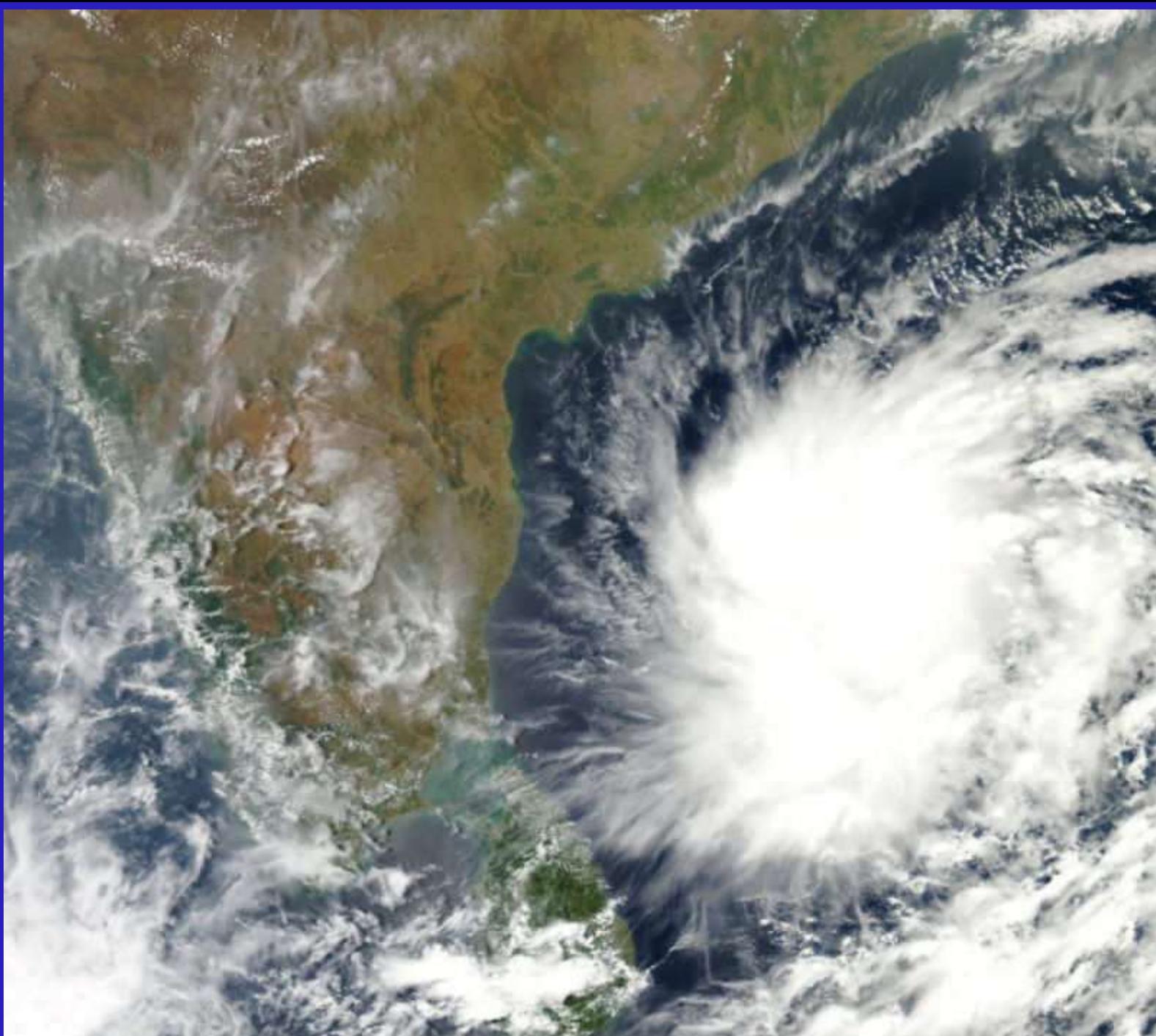


Acts 11:27-29 (ESV): “Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. **28** And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). **29** So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea.”















“For there was a famine in the land that overtook them, and many people died of starvation.”

(From Josephus' *Antiquity of the Jews*, book 20, chapter 2, paragraph 5)



“As the panic spread, the weak were trampled underfoot in the trepidation of the crowd. A shortage of corn, again, and the famine which resulted, were construed as a supernatural warning. Nor were the complaints always whispered. Claudius, sitting in judgement, was surrounded by a wildly clamorous mob, and, driven into the farthest corner of the Forum, was there subjected to violent pressure, until, with the help of a body of troops, he forced a way through the hostile throng. It was established that the capital had provisions for fifteen days, no more.”  
(From Tacitus' *Annals*, book 12, chapter 43).



2 Corinthians 9:3-5 (ESV): “But I am sending the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove empty in this matter, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be. 4 Otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated – to say nothing of you – for being so confident. 5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction.”



2 Corinthians 8:1-5 (NIV): “And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. **2** In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. **3** For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, **4** they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. **5** And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.”



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# MAIN POINT

THE LESS YOU HAVE TO LOSE;  
THE MORE YOU HAVE TO GIVE.



“So interestingly and possibly counter-intuitively, we found that people who were actually ranking themselves as relative high in their socio-economic status were less inclined to give points away than were people who ranked themselves as relatively lower in social class...It was a statistically significant difference, and what we found was that the lower-class people, or the relatively lower-class individuals, were inclined to give away 44 percent more of their points.”

(Paul Piff, as quoted in the NPR article “Study: Poor Are More Charitable Than The Wealthy” on [npr.com](http://npr.com), August 8, 2010)



Ecclesiastes 5:10-12 (ESV): “He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. **11** When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? **12** Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.”



Mark 12:41-44 (ESV): “And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. **42** And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. **43** And he called his disciples to him and said to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. **44** For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.’”



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# APPLICATION

ABUNDANCE IS

PRECARIOUS,

SO STAY

HILARIOUS.



Proverbs 23:4-5 (ESV): “Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist. 5 When your eyes light on it, it is gone, for suddenly it sprouts wings, flying like an eagle toward heaven.”





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