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OWNERSHIP

When you buy a vehicle, or a home, and it is paid for, you have clear title. It means it belongs to you. You have the right to keep it or sell it because it is your property. It may have taken a great deal of money to own the property, or it may have been a gift, but regardless of how you acquired it, it is yours. It is called "real property." You are responsible for maintaining it and keeping its value up because it is yours, and you have "pride" in ownership.

Renters may take care of the property they live in, but they do not have the satisfaction of "owning" it. There is nothing wrong with living in someone else's property, but you are required to maintain it like it was your own through a contract. Often there is a security deposit given against damage if you move out and leave it in a mess.

In I Corinthians 6: 19-20 it says, ***"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."***

Jesus bought you with his precious blood when you asked Him to be your savior. You no longer own yourself. He owns you. Now because we love Him, we glorify him in our body and our spirit. We do this by walking according to the Spirit and not according to the flesh. Just as in the natural when "we" own something we take care of it, in the spirit, we take care of what belongs to God.

We are to put off the things of the old nature. It would be like getting the garbage and dirt out of your house. We are to put on the new nature of Christ. It would be like a fresh cleaning of your home from top to bottom and maintaining it in that condition. We surrender ownership to God, and we allow Him to work in our lives because we belong to Him. This is how we glorify God in our lives. We take care of what belongs to him.

Ownership? Oh yes, God owns you, so never think that you are without value because Jesus paid for you with his entire life's blood. There is no way to determine that value. All we can do is thank Him.