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A reductionist blessing

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May your income shrink 'til tithing is
worship not payment.

May you no longer confuse wants
with your needs.

May you learn giving is really
investment.

May your desire to live simply
succeed.

May your churches have such
worship spilling,
That they no longer grasp very tight
To scarcity, anxiety thinking
That robs the display of God's
might.

May your desire shrivel 'til its godly.
May your large homes become place
to play host.

May you no longer be consumed by
possessions,
Tracking who among you has the
most.

May you discover your limitations,
That God might help you transcend
Your fearful dependence on money
So you become free to live freely
instead.

As we fall to our knees in surrender,
May our God take, reduce or shrink,
Helping us again raise our hands
As God shrivels, subtracts and
winks.

Finally sisters, be wary.
Brothers of mine take ye heed.
For my God is faithful to bless you,
And to make this reductionist
blessing succeed.

- mark I vincent