Life is Like a Game of Monopoly

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1. Imagine a World
   1. 1% owns 47%
   2. 29,000 children under 5 years die each day (poverty and preventable diseasese)
   3. Polluting earns profit
   4. Democracy = voting for two people
2. Not imagination. This is our world.
   1. Greed and corruption
   2. Pain and suffering
   3. May not notice.
   4. All byproducts of money.
      1. Money has always existed, but not the problems…
      2. Not gold or silver, not trading commodities.
      3. Fictional currency.
      4. The lifeblood of our establishments.
      5. Most needed thing on the planet.
      6. Can’t be used for anything practical.
      7. Arguably, one of the devils greatest inventions.
3. 1965, Paul Harvey
   1. “If I were the devil, I’d just keep right on doing what he’s doing.”
   2. I will show you what he’s doing.
   3. Briefly touch on the modern money system.
   4. Show you how it causes so much suffering.
4. The analogy - Monopoly.
   1. My sister is wonderful.
   2. She taught me.
   3. Name of the game is to acquire.
   4. She was ruthless. I could not beat her.
   5. One year, I played all the time…
   6. Total commitment to acquisition and wealth.
5. I Timothy 6:10
   1. One day I sat down to play my sister.
   2. Ready to bend the rules.
   3. I destroyed her.
   4. I watched her give her last dollar.
   5. It felt good.
6. Love money?
   1. The love of money leads to craving. Never satisfied.
   2. Why?
   3. Rent, food, tithe…
   4. Give to poor, feed hungry.
   5. Should we love money?
   6. Let’s take a brief look at history.
7. 1689, John Locke “Two Treatises of Government.”
   1. Argued that all men are created equal in the state of nature by God.
   2. Private property
      1. must leave enough (and as good) for others
      2. mix labor
      3. No waste.
         1. “nothing was made by God for a man to spoil or destroy.”
         2. "there is land enough in the world to suffice twice as many people as there are".
   3. Gold and silver.
      1. Cannot spoil or rot.
      2. Can be traded for food.
      3. John Locke based principles on eliminating waste and destruction.
   4. The surprise.
      1. "the 'one thing' that blocks this is the invention of money, and men's tacit agreement to put a value on it.”
      2. Modern money ruins this.
         1. No longer consideration.