

EXCESS BAGGAGE

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This sketch looks at how we carry around with us a lot of 'excess baggage', which we feel is necessary in our lives. The sort of baggage that goes with things we long for but which are not really necessary, It could link with Hebrews 12 v 1. It could be used evangelistically.

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British traveller *Carrying two large heavy suitcases*
American tourist *Looks rich*

American Hi, buddy, I'm sorry to bother you.

Briton *[Putting down cases]* It's no bother. How can I help you?

American It's just that I flew in from New York today and I haven't quite got myself adjusted to England. What exactly is the time?

Briton *[Looking at watch]* The time is exactly 15.36. The temperature is 60° Fahrenheit (that's 16° Celsius) and the weather is cloudy with an 80% chance of rain later.

American Wow! That's quite a watch you've got there. Does it really give you all that information?

Briton Yes it does, but that's not all: I can tell you that the time in New York is 10.36, the temperature there is a rather warmer 69° Fahrenheit (that's 20° Celsius) and it's going to be sunny all day.

American That's incredible! Can I take a look at it?

Briton *[Shows watch on wrist]* Certainly.

American That sure is a neat watch. Where can I get one?

Briton Oh, this watch is unique.

American Is it? How do you know?

Briton I know because I made it myself.

American You made it yourself? No kidding. That's awesome.

Briton It also tells you the humidity, the pollen count, the UV levels, the state of all the major stock markets and the current exchange rates.

American *[Decisively]* I've got to have it. How much do you want for it?

Briton Oh, it's not for sale.

American 300 dollars .. er ... what's that .. er £200?

Briton Oh no, I couldn't sell it. It has too much sentimental value to me.

American £500.

Briton No.

American £1000. You could always make yourself another one.

Briton No, it's not for sale.

American Oh come on, everyone has their price. How about £2000

Briton OK, maybe I will let you have it for £2000. *[Takes it off his wrist]*

American Gee that's great. Wait till I show this to the guys in the office. They'll be green with envy. *[Putting it on wrist]*

Briton I'm sure they will.

American *[Shaking hands]* Well thanks buddy. It's been a real pleasure meeting you, and doing business with you. I guess I'll be on my way. Have a nice day. *[Starts to leave]*

Briton Hang on just a minute. *[Holding up the suitcases]* You forgot the batteries.

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