**The gift of $9.36**

In this jar is a penny for every week you will raise your children before they go out on their own.

936 weeks. They are so very many, yet so very few.

Place this jar of pennies on your desk, on a shelf in the girls’ rooms, or somewhere where they serve as a visible reminder of our precious time with our children.

The days are long, but the weeks and the years are short.

When you look at this jar, it will remind you about how you are spending your time.

A penny can be invested, it has the potential of growing in value. It also has the potential of getting lost in a couch cushion.

If we divide a penny into seven parts, one a day for each week, what worth are we breathing into each of those days?

There are days that are filled with laughter, joy, jokes, memories, and silly moments that are imprinted on our hearts forever.

Some days we feel like we spend our whole penny—the allowance of a week—in a single 24 hour period. In weak moments, we blow through 5 cents. One slip of the tongue, one impatient reaction, one missed opportunity to speak truth.

But when you back up and see the jar as a whole, it’s also a testimony and display of God’s amazing grace. 936 pennies rich.

Despite the days where we spend a penny frivolously, or lose a penny in the couch, HIS grace covers a multitude of wrongs and is so much bigger than that lost penny. He is the jar.

The jar represents the investments of a lifetime. The investment in eternity. Those pennies are being invested. They are creating something new, something of bravery. Something of Kingdom importance. The time you spend with your girls is also an investment in their relationship with Jesus.

These moments fly by in the blink of an eye. And it’s true what everyone says: kids grow up way too fast. Invest each penny with intention and love. And do it all for HIS glory.

We have 936 beautiful weeks ☺

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