

Rich man, poor man a Christian response to global poverty

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1. The command to love Matthew 22:34-40

Who is my neighbour ? WRONG QUESTION

In our “global village” our neighbourhood has expanded

2. The dangers of greed and the love of money

The rich fool Luke 12

the global “economic crisis”

the global “spiritual crisis”

“...the twin evils that are at the root of this (economic) malaise - greed and fear”

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3. A Christian response 1 Timothy 6:6 -10, 17 - 19

godly contentment (vv 6 - 8)

love God not money

- don't make money your god (vv 9 - 10)

hope in our generous God not your wealth (v 17)

be generous because God is generous to you -

be rich in good deeds and willing to share (vv18)

PLANNED, PREMEDITATED GENEROSITY IS BEST

invest in treasure that will last for eternity (v19)

Be generous with the gospel AND your wealth

Demand accountability from our government