

Wealth and Poverty

From last week...

- All that we have belongs to God
- Everything that belongs to God should be used with regard for him

“Give me neither poverty nor riches” (Prov 30:8)

- How do we respond to the gap between the wealthy and the poor?
- How do we respond as those who are (by and large) not poor?

Is wealth bad?

- In the OT in particular, wealth is often a sign of favour
- Having money, however, is not necessarily a mark of good character.

Be aware of the dangers of wealth...

- It never satisfies-It is uncertain
- You can't take it with you

Are we obliged to help the poor?

Applying the principles to wealth

- Money is God's... how should we use it?
- The rich man and Lazarus: luxury and opportunity
- The gospel should transform our character and behaviour