

“How to Survive the Coming Economic Crisis: If I Were a Rich Man”

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» The Punchline

- Luke 12:13-21
- Headline: “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of _____ . Life does not consist in an _____ of possessions.” (v 15)
 - “Another [happiness] factor is what positive psychologists refer to as the ‘ _____ [pleasure-seeking] treadmill.’ Through the same process of habituation [decrease in our response to a stimulus after being repeatedly exposed to it], the happiness associated with a new purchase, a new job, or a new house soon fades. Trying to recapture and retain feelings of excitement and happiness results in the pursuit of more new things, which becomes a never-ending task, like being on a continuous treadmill.” (www.happify.com/hd/can-money-ever-buy-you-happiness/)
- Tagline: “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for _____ but is not _____ toward God.” (v 21)
 - Investopedia: “According to the Credit Suisse Global Wealth Report 2018, the top _____ percent of adults account for more than 47 percent of household wealth globally. This raises an interesting question: Who exactly are the _____ percent worldwide? The surprising answer: If you’re an American, you don’t have to even be close to being uber-rich to make the list. . . . An income of \$ _____ a year will allow you to make the cut. . . . So if you’re an accountant, a registered nurse or even an elementary school teacher, congratulations. The average wage for any of these careers falls well within the top _____ percent worldwide.” (www.investopedia.com/articles/personal-finance/050615/are-you-top-one-percent-world.asp)
- Punchline: When you combine the headline to Jesus’ parable with the tagline of His parable, you very quickly come to His punchline: _____ !
 - Ed Gungor: “ _____ touches a nerve in us that nothing else does. We look a lot like God when we do it [John 3:16]. When you _____ , you defy the fear that you won’t have enough. You insult _____ , the impulse to acquire or possess more than one needs or deserves. If you really believe that God owns it all and that he is your source and provider, _____ will be a simple matter. . . . The arena of _____ is the only place where exactly what’s going on in your heart is revealed. According to Jesus, _____ keeps your heart in motion toward God and away from material things. . . . Your heart will follow the direction of your _____ .” (*Religiously Transmitted Diseases*)
- Luke 12:32-34.
- Ellen White: “Let us surrender ourselves a living sacrifice, and _____ our all to Jesus. It is His; we are His purchased possession. Those who are recipients of His grace, who contemplate the cross of Calvary, will not question concerning the proportion to be given, but will feel that the richest offering is all too meager, all disproportionate to the great _____ of the only-begotten Son of the infinite God. Through self-denial, the poorest will find ways of obtaining something to _____ to God.” (RH July 14, 1896)
- Be rich toward the God who’s been rich toward you.
- www.pmchurch.org/renovate

"BE RICH TOWARD GOD"