

WEALTH CRISIS

Are you in the situation where you wish that you had enough money to cover all your bills with some to spare?



Jesus told a story about a farmer who had such a good harvest that he didn't have room to store it all. He thought - **"I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods."** He was making provision for the future. You are probably trying to do that with bank accounts, pension funds or other investments. This rich man went on to say to himself - **"You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."**



Perhaps you are saying, 'I wish I was in that position!' Don't be so sure. Jesus tells us that **God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'**

This rich man was a fool - because **he was only making provision for this life.** His life was going to be taken from him and he had made no provision for the life

to come, he was not rich with God. He was in fact in a vast debt to God that he could never repay. That is where each one of us starts - in debt to God, owing what we can never pay. But the good news of the gospel shows there is One who is willing and able to pay our debt for us. We owe to God a life of perfect

obedience and continual love of the highest order. None of us comes anywhere close to this. Jesus Christ has lived that perfect life and loved with that continual and perfect love. He offers to give that to everyone who believes on Him. Believe on God and you will discover that the punishment that you deserve from God because of your sin and rebellion against Him has been taken by Jesus Christ in your place. **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.** Then you will be rich indeed.

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the Word on the street

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God's Never-Changing Word To His Ever-Changing World



In this leaflet you will read about Health Crisis and Wealth Crisis where the authors say that the answer to these problems is found in Christ Jesus alone. Perhaps you have never experienced a health crisis or a wealth crisis in your life; but one crisis we are all sure to meet, is the Death Crisis. It has been said that the only thing anyone can be certain of in life is death.

Have you thought about death? Are you afraid of death? Would you like to know how to be prepared for death? Come to Ballyclabber RP Church on 18th August to learn more.

Rev. Philip Murphy will speak on the subject, "Where will you be one minute after you die?" We will see how at death all earthly experiences end, eternity begins and your eternal destiny is then unchangeable.

You are invited to Ballyclabber Church Hall
Sunday 18th August 2013 at 7.00pm
"Where will you be one minute after you die?"
Luke 16: 19 - 31
Everyone Welcome

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*(A word of personal testimony and challenge from Pastor Richard Holdeman.
Mr Holdeman is a minister of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America and spent
eight weeks preaching in the Ballyclabber Congregation in Coleraine earlier this year.)*

When the doctor called me the day after my annual medical check up to tell me that he had made an appointment for me to see an oncologist, I thought there must be some mistake. I was 47 years old and, as I thought, in tip-top shape. I had never been seriously ill in my life. I prided myself on the fact that I was still a competitive athlete at my age. Besides, I felt fine. Yes, I had been more tired than usual during the past few months but that was just because I had been working extra late – or so I thought.



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Subsequent tests revealed that there was no mistake. I was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL), a cancer of the blood and bone marrow. According to the doctors, I have an incurable disease that will likely take my life sometime in the next 5-10 years.

From one perspective this diagnosis has thrown my life into complete confusion.



I am married and have four children at home. My wife and I have many plans and desires that do not involve doctors' visits, chemotherapy, and all the rest. Our future seems suddenly completely uncertain. From another perspective, nothing at all has changed. I am still a

mortal man, who will certainly die exactly when God calls me home – not a minute before or after.

In the Bible in the 39th Psalm, David says, “LORD, make me to know my end, and what is the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am” (Psalm 39:4). Remembering that we are frail – no matter how strong we think we are – and knowing that we have but a short time on the earth helps us to have the

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proper perspective on what is really important in life. God has taught me to call out with David, “And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You” (Psalm 39:7). Since I am frail and my life

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Psalm 39 : 7

is fleeting, there is only one place I can put my hope and that is in a God, who is powerful and eternal. This is the hope that sustains me and my family; we know that Jesus became a frail human being and that he lived a short life and died in place of people like us. He allowed himself to suffer weakness and death so that death would not be the final word for us.

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die... (John 11:25-26). Eternal life with God is possible through Jesus, who takes away the sins of His people and enables them to live forever with God. Are you aware of how frail you are? How fleeting your life is? Have you put your faith in the only One able to give you life that goes on after you die? Jesus is able to give hope to mortal men and women. Come to Him and enter into eternal life!

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*Richard Holdeman
June 19, 2013*

You are invited to come to any activities that are on in Ballyclabber Church.

We especially invite you to the Sunday Services each week
11.30am & 7.00pm

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